



AACPS Athletics


SPRING SPORTS

April 17 – June 19, 2021



Agenda

Note: this meeting is being recorded and this PowerPoint will be posted on our re-opening website

- Welcome
 - Resources & Support
 - COVID Points of Emphasis
 - Key Logistics from Spring Plan
 - Weeks & Schedules
 - Reporting and Crisis Resources
 - Q&A
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Resources & Support

- AACPS Athletics Website – spring plan document (posted tomorrow), MPSSAA spring bulletins, handbook, and other supporting documents
 - Also, look for the NCAA Recruitment & Racism in Athletics SA Forum videos – great resources for any virtual meetings*
 - <https://www.aacps.org/Page/8719>
- Athletic Directors, Assistant Athletic Directors, and Admin
- Sport Commissioners
 - Unified Bocce = Ryan Aleardi; Baseball = Jeff Martin; Softball = Kenny Miller; Tennis = Terry Tucker; Girls Lacrosse = Kevin Necessary; Boys Lacrosse = Kevin Rutledge; Outdoor Track & Field = Brianna Bostic & John Leitner
- Athletic Academic Advisors
- Office of Athletics Staff
- **Fall Coaches**



COVID PoEs

- We have a contact tracing team in place, lead by former regional superintendent Kate Gilbert. Our plan documents has two pages of details on COVID situations for your reference.
- Tracking forms are required for every practice and game (they include a column for student ID and another for hybrid/virtual status).
- Promptly report any COVID related situations you become aware of to your AD and administration.
- Socially distance, maximize spaces, and cohort when feasible. Ultimately, we want to do what we can to reduce the amount of time people are within 6 feet of each other (15 mins is the hinge point). **This is especially true during static times - waiting, watching, sidelines, etc.**
 - Maintain 6 feet of spacing when entering and exiting spaces, checking in, during warmups, stretching, running, cool downs, instructions, water breaks, etc
 - During practices, use the entire space you have available to spread out as much as possible
 - During practice, cohort SAs to smaller groups by position or similar if feasible
 - Avoid clumping/gathering of people as much as possible, especially when SAs are waiting, watching, etc (not physically engaged in activity)
 - Keep a record of practice plans so that you are able to describe them later if needed



COVID PoEs

- Adhere to our current face covering protocols.
 - Staff – must be worn at all times
 - Indoor SAs – must be worn at all times
 - Outdoor SAs – must be worn when not physically active on the field of play
- Ensure that no one shares water sources.
- Hold all film/similar sessions virtually.
- Hold coach meetings virtually and/or socially distanced.
- Follow the guidance in our *Fitting, Changing, and Transportation* procedure documents.
- Remind student-athletes they may self-transport and encourage them to limit the number of people (specifically non-family members) in one car.
- Continue to practice health and safety guidelines during your personal time.
- Coach messaging around health and safety is critically important. Never encourage a SA to disregard exposure, signs or symptoms.



Key Logistics from Spring Plan document

- Our handbook applies, with any changes in writing to schools – available at aacps.org/athletics.
- ADs will be involved as we move forward throughout the season and share updates with you as appropriate.
- You can include virtual sessions; not required unless we revert to all virtual environment or your team is quarantined.
- Locker rooms may be used by hybrid students only for the purpose of changing ([separate procedure doc](#)).
- Weight rooms are not to be used at this time.
- We are working towards finalizing our spectator plan for spring – information will come out before we have competition.

Key Logistics from Spring Plan document

- For competitions, we will follow all MPSSAA modifications to the best extent possible.
 - More to come on this through ADs / SCs based on spring bulletins. These are **posted on our website and embedded in our plan document – please review them. Some examples include:**
 - Maximize sideline space
 - No handshakes
 - Socially distance in dugouts and expand beyond dugouts
 - Limit the number of teams at outdoor meets with no prelims
 - Avoid touching your face after handling a baseball, softball, or tennis ball
- SAs may participate on outside athletic teams with 3 expectations:
 - 1. They inform coaches ASAP, who will inform ADs
 - 2. They follow all health and safety guidelines related to the outside activity
 - 3. The coaching staff is professional, fair, and safe in their approach to participation at our contests

Key Logistics from Spring Plan document

Eligibility

- Athletic Academic Advisors will be identifying ineligible SAs based on 3rd marking period grades and providing support through a virtual study hall program.
 - Report cards come out on April 23rd.
 - That virtual program that will run from April 23rd through May 14th.
 - A grade check for ineligible SAs (based on 4th MP grades) will be performed on Friday, May 14th.
 - An academically ineligible SA may not play in games or wear any part of a team uniform at games before or during the probationary period.

Week-by-Week

Week		Type
Fall wk 1	April 17 - 24	Full tryouts / practices (up to 6 days/wk) <i>Note: must gather on April 17 to play on May 7</i>
Fall wk 2	April 26 - May 1	Full tryouts / practices (up to 6 days/wk)
Fall wk 3	May 3 - 8	Full tryouts / practices (up to 6 days/wk) <i>Note: competitions may begin May 7</i>
Fall wk 4	May 10 - 15	County Competition wk 1
Fall wk 5	May 17 - 22	County Competition wk 2
Fall wk 6	May 24 - 29	County Competition wk 3
Fall wk 7	May 31 - June 5	County Competition wk 4
Fall wk 8	June 7 - 12	County / state culminating events
Fall wk 9	June 14 - 19	County / state culminating events



Schedules

- We have planned for 4 weeks of inter-county competition, starting as of Friday, May 7th and running through Friday, June 4th. ADs have your schedules.

- Planning 4 **Outdoor Track** meets (will be working with SC, ADs, and coaches)
- Planning 12/13 **Baseball/Softball** games
- Planning 7/8 **Boy and Girls Lacrosse** games
- Planning 7/8 **Tennis** matches
- **Unified Bocce** opportunities (will be working with SC, ADs, and coaches)

We will follow the modifications in the MPSSAA bulletins

Important to remember that Crofton only has a JV team sports and CSP does not participate in all sports

- You must gather with your team on Saturday, April 17th in order to satisfy the 20-day rule for a competition on Friday, May 7th.
- Modifications to our schedule may be necessary as we progress through the season.
- **Culminating events.** *We intend to participate in/offer state/county culminating events the two weeks following our regular season (June 7 – 19). We will continue to evaluate / look at options and announce our final plans in alignment with when the MPSSAA makes their decision (scheduled for May 18).*

Reporting and Crisis Situation Resources

A 1-page reference document for your use with SAs and families is on our [website](#)

	Racism, Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation AACPS program	AA County Crisis Warmline Local program	Crisis Text line National program
Link / number	https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/O_SOS	410-768-5522	Text HOME to 741741
Procedure	Online form; available 24/7	Phone call; available 24/7	Texting; available 24/7
Who can complete?	Student, parent/guardian, close adult relative, staff	Anne Arundel county residents	Anyone
Who will respond? When?	School administration Situational response; investigations as needed The person who completes the form will get a communication back from school administration	Mental Health Clinician Live / real time	Crisis Counselor Live / real time

Q & A

