

**WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION CO-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

4:30 PM

District Administration & Maintenance Center
905 Bethel Circle
Waunakee, Wisconsin 53597

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVE THE AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**V. REVIEW OF FALL 2020 CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND
RELATED ISSUES PER COVID-19 AND REOPENING OF SCHOOL**

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Attached please find a memo from Aaron May, Athletic Director, that address the specific areas outlined in the agenda for this meeting.

This meeting will provide a broad overview of the issues impacting co-curricular programs for the fall of 2020. The committee will review these issues and may provide direction/action on items that are discussed. The administration will also work with the committee on a timeline for when final decisions for fall will be made.

There are a few models for fall sports that are working their way through the state associations and we will provide an update on the status of statewide decision making on these issues.

A. REVIEW WIAA AND PHMDC

B. ANALYSIS OF FALL SPORTS

C. REVIEW POSITION ON HOSTING EVENTS

D. REVIEW POSITION ON TRAVEL TO OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

E. REVIEW POSITION ON CONCESSION STANDS

F. REVIEW POSITIONS ON SPECTATORS AND TICKETS

**G. REVIEW USE OF FACILITIES BY OUTSIDE SPORTING GROUPS -
BDL/VILLAGE/ETC.**

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

VII. ADJOURN

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MEMO

TO: Randy Guttenberg, District Administrator
Co-Curricular Subcommittee
FROM: Aaron May, AD
RE: Upcoming Fall Activities Consideration
DATE: July 15, 2020

Board Members:

This document has been created to direct our discussion regarding upcoming activities and how those activities may have to be altered to meet Forward Dane plan. I have linked some reference documents created by PHMDC and WEDC that can help inform our discussion of the different aspects of our Fall Activities.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

[FORWARD DANE CURRENT ORDER](#)

[SPORTS GUIDANCE FAQs](#)

[GOLF COURSE BEST PRACTICES](#)

[POOL REOPENING PLAN](#)

HS & MS ACTIVITIES UNIVERSAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following items will need to be considered for all aspects of school activities:

Practices/Rehearsals: Per the Forward Dane Plan, practices are allowed for all sports provided athletes can maintain 6 feet of physical distance (includes: intrasquad scrimmages).

Competitions: Low-Risk sports only and 6 feet of physical distancing must be maintained (Competition is defined as any activity with an outside team).

Masking: Required for all indoor practices, competitions, performances, etc...would require all involved to be masked (with the exception of swimmers while physically in the pool).

Concessions: Concession stands must follow the same rules as restaurants and bars (starting on Page 9 of the most current PHMDC order). This will greatly impact the ability of booster clubs and school organizations to fundraise. In the fall, student organizations operate our football concession stands as a fundraiser. Soccer and Volleyball boosters also operate the concession stands for their respective sports and count on that as a source of revenue. Concessions would be limited in the products they could offer at events.

Busing: At the current limits of 15 people per bus, traveling to away events would tax Lamers to their breaking point. For example, on Thursday, Sept 24th we have the following away events on the schedule: MS CC at Verona, MS VB at DeForest, JV/V Soccer at Arrowhead, & JV/JV2 FB at DeForest. Using our 2019 numbers on that date would have a total of 315 athletes plus coaches to and from their events. We would need a minimum of 21 buses to transport all of our teams.

Crowd Control: In previous seasons we have only had crowd control for football, soccer, and volleyball. Those workers were also mainly focused on high school student behavior at those events. Now we will have to have workers to track admission or attendance. This is especially important for lower level events or events that occur at locations that do not have good control set-up such as Ripp Park or the practice fields for soccer.

Admission: With limited capacity, considering not allowing away fans and limiting home fans. Have discussed with some Fall parents/boosters about potential limited access. Have also discussed streaming events with Mr. McConnell's video production class. This would allow parents and fans to view the games. Have spoken with Anna Blackburn about the potential to stream it either through district social media or on the district's YouTube channel.

Also, as an Activities Dept, we are considering not charging admission or selling passes for Fall sports. Since we are not able to plan or predict how many fans we will be allowed to have at games, it would cost us more to pay ticket-takers than we would take in through ticket sales. We must also consider "who" gets allowed into events, parents, student section, etc...When we are allowed larger groups we would move to an all online ticketing system. Similar to purchasing your movie tickets online or in an app on your phone.

Homecoming Activities: With gathering size limitations, the Pep Rally, Homecoming Dance, Homecoming Parade, and other Homecoming events will have to be altered and/or cancelled.

Coaches: We struggle to find coaches every year for our lower-level and middle school teams. I am concerned that with the added pressure and added hours of COVID-19 management it will exacerbate our coaching shortage.

Another challenge is that our current volunteer coach policy does not allow volunteer coaches to be alone with athletes, so we can not use volunteer coaches, on their own, to lower our group numbers. For example, Cross-country had 83 members last year and 3 paid coaches and 3 volunteer coaches. The restriction on volunteer coaches only allows us to go with 3 groups at a time, for a group size of 27.6 athletes. Above the outdoor group size limit

and requiring a coach to run 2 practices back-to-back. If we allowed volunteers to supervise athletes on their own in cross-country we could lower the group size to 13.8.

Cutting: Traditionally, we have not cut athletes at Waunakee except for Varsity Volleyball. Our board policy does all for cutting and we will need to have serious conversations around cuts for many of teams as we do not have enough coaches or time to be able to split into small enough groups to meet the indoor gathering size limitations.

Outside Group Use of Facilities: Many local youth sports groups, community groups, and Village Rec count on the school to host their events: These groups include Youth Basketball - Badger Developmental League, Northstar Volleyball, The Wave, Village Rec, Lions Club, & Friends of the Library. Steve Summers is discussing potential liability issues surrounding outside groups and social distance rules, with our insurance company.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Low Risk: Practices and Competitions allowed with 6 feet of physical distancing.

Size Limitations: No more than 25 at any practice or competition. Must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: Middle School 86; High School 83 (at HS 5 compete in each race)

Varsity Events: 11 (2 conference, 9 non-conference, playoffs)

Impact: Middle School: Waunakee hosts one CC meet in 2020, on Sept 17th with 8 schools. Traditionally, each school sends all team members to race in four races: 1) 7th Boys, 2) 7th Girls, 3) 8th Boys, 4) 8th Girls. To host the meet we would have to severely limit both the participants on our team and the participants from other teams. This would also negatively impact our ability to set-up the course and administrate the race, as we rely on parent volunteers to work the events. As a school we would struggle to maintain the outdoor size limitations as this race is held at Ripp Park and we do not have the staff or volunteers to manage crowd size or who is entering the park.

High School: Currently our schedule has 4 races located within Dane County that would have to adhere to the gathering size limitations for outdoor events. Since we do not host HS events it would be easier for us to modify our schedule of meets we attend. Also, with our paid staff we would still have to run split schedules to adhere to the outside gathering limitations.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Low Risk: Practices and Competitions allowed with 6 feet of physical distancing.

Size Limitations: No more than 25 at any practice or competition. Must maintain 6 feet social distance.

Team Size 2019: High School 4

Varsity Events: 3

Impact: High School: WIHA has cancelled the 'in-person' 2020 season. There is discussion of a potential virtual state meet but no decision has been made at this time.

FOOTBALL

High Risk: Practice allowed with 6 feet of physical distancing and equipment cleaned after each use. Competitions are not allowed

Size Limitations: No more than 25 at any practice and must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: Middle School 93 (23 7th White, 23 7th Purple, 24 8th White, 23 8th Purple), High School 139 (Frosh 51, JV 53, Varsity 72*) *Some athletes were double-rostered on JV and Varsity.

Varsity Events: 7 (7 conference, 1 scrimmage, 2 non-conference cancelled, and playoffs)

Impact: Middle School: We are a member of the Badger Middle School Football Alliance made up of 18 schools from Dane County and surrounding areas. Of the 18 only 4 total teams are 'attached' to their respective schools, which does complicate planning in the current circumstances. We are considering an intramural season for our football team with practices and intramural games held within Dane County size limitations. This football season would most likely either be a 7 on 7 passing league or flag football games. With the current size limitations in Dane County we would have to run sessions of practice and clean equipment after each use.

High School: Each team would have to run split practices to ensure we are staying within the size limitations of 25 people on a specific field. This would still prevent us from coming together to have team sessions, run plays, or line-up in a football formation. Currently our football schedule includes 7 games: 3 home and 4 away games. The four away games are held in Rock, Jefferson, Dodge, and Dane county. Unless the gathering size limitations are greatly increased, holding home football games will be challenging. Football games also impact other groups in the school. Band, dance team, & cheer team perform. We use the large crowds to recognize teachers, Special Olympics athletes, promote upcoming school events, and public groups like Waunakee Neighborhood Connection use those nights for their events. Also, between the 2 concession stands, student organizations can count on making between \$800-\$1,000 in a night.

FOOTBALL CHEER

High Risk: Practice allowed with 6 feet of physical distancing

Size Limitations: No more than 25 at any practice and must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: Middle School 6; High School 11

Impact: Middle School: They would be able to practice their sideline cheers only. No group stunting would be allowed. MS Cheer only performs at home middle school football games,

so their performance season would have to be adjusted depending on how middle school football is arranged. We would have to explore other options for MS Cheer events.

High School: The team was not allowed to travel to their cheer camp in the summer and no group stunts would be allowed. Also, HS Cheer performs at home and away football games. Their performance schedule would have to be rearranged based on the football schedule and our ability to travel to away games. For HS we will have to look for other performance opportunities.

GIRLS GOLF

Low Risk: Practice and competitions allowed with 6ft of social distancing.

Size Limitations: No more than 25 on the course and must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: High School 20

Varsity Events: 15 (5 conference, 10 non-conference)

Impact: High School: Girls Golf would be allowed to practice and compete, but the team would have to follow physical distancing rules and 50% capacity rules for the golf course set in the Dane County plan. Another consideration is scheduling challenges with the golf course. Golf courses typically give schools discounted rates but in a time where business has fallen, they may look at canceling school events or increasing the greens fees.

ONE ACT

Size Limitations: No more than 10 at rehearsal and must maintain 6ft of social distance

Team Size 2019: 30

Varsity Events: 3-4 performances (school performance, local festival, regionals, and state)

Impact: The One Act organization has already announced that regional and state competitions will be held virtually. Mr. Braun would likely record the performance and share it virtually with students, parents, etc...we are checking to make sure there are no copyright issues with this plan.

BOYS SOCCER

Medium Risk: Practice allowed with 6ft of social distancing, no competitions allowed.

Size Limitations: No more than 25 at any practice and must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: High School 85

Varsity Events: 25 (1 scrimmage, 7 conference, 17 non-conference, playoffs)

Impact: High School: Currently, we would only be able to hold soccer practices. At this time we would still have to follow the size limitations for outside events of 25 on a field and maintaining 6ft of social distance. Because of the social distance requirements, it would limit the types of drills, scrimmages, etc...that can happen during practice. We also host 4 soccer tournaments during the fall. Each tournament brings in 6-8 schools from all over Wisconsin and for the Varsity Tournament including a team from Minnesota comes to participate.

Hosting these tournaments is one of the large fundraisers for the soccer boosters. It would be difficult to handle any of these events while staying within the gathering size limitations and maintaining social distance as we rely on volunteers to handle the tournament operations.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Low/Medium Risk: Individual events - Low, Relays - Medium

Size Limitations: No more than 10 at any practice and must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: High School 36

Varsity Events: 13 Events (9 conference, 4 non-conference)

Impact: High School: Pool limitations include 50% capacity as a maximum while maintaining 6ft of social distances. Our pool capacity is 250 people, but with the given complexities we can not have all 36 swimmers in the pool at the same time and maintain the required 6ft of social distancing required. Girls swimmers and coaches would have to be masked except while they are swimming. Our high school schedule includes hosting the conference swim meet with 7 other schools and an invite with 6 schools. The team would have to run split practices which would impact how much the public or The Wave could use the pool. Also, as the rules are currently written, we would only be able to have individual swim events. No relay events would be allowed at competition.

GIRLS TENNIS

Low/Medium Risk: Singles - Low, Double - Medium

Size Limitations: No more than 25 at any practice and must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: High School 62

Varsity Events: 12 (8 conference, 4 non-conference. playoffs)

Impact: High School: Girls Tennis would be allowed to practice and compete in singles events only. Because of the size of our team we would have to run split practices and only be able to have girls competing attend away and home matches. We would also be challenged to maintain crowd size as we do not have an effective way to control who is entering and exiting the Ripp Park.

VOLLEYBALL

Medium Risk: Practices are allowed with 6ft of social distancing and masked at all times. No competitions allowed.

Size Limitations: No more than 10 at any practice and must maintain 6ft social distance.

Team Size 2019: Middle School 149, High School 78

Varsity Events: 16 (1 scrimmage, 8 conference, 7 non-conference) plus WIAA playoffs

Impact: Middle School: Under current rules we do not have enough gym space to hold girls volleyball. Even using the Elementary schools we would have to go to a split practice

schedule. Doing a split schedule and using the middle, intermediate, and elementary schools makes getting kids to and from practices difficult because of bus limitations and the number of different locations to which we would have to shuttle students (Intermediate, Prairie, and Arboretum schools). In the past we've used Lamers to shuttle kids from the middle school to the intermediate school for practice and games. Also, some of our middle school partners have indicated that they will be moving to an intramural season so we would not be able to play our regular schedule.

High School: Girls Volleyball is scheduled to host a 24-team scrimmage, the Varsity Badger Conference Volleyball Tournament, and a Freshman/JV invite where we use the FH, Old Gym, and MS-Gym,. Practices would have to use Fieldhouse & Old Gym to give us enough space to hold practices while staying within gathering limits. Traditionally, middle school volleyball has used the Old Gym for practice in the fall. That gym will have to be used for freshman volleyball. Currently, we have 50 freshman girls signed up for volleyball. With that large of a number we will have to consider cutting. We would struggle to find a 3rd freshman coach and create a schedule for these players. If we keep all Freshmen on 2 teams of 25 we would not be able to have the entire team practice at one time. While practicing, all coaches and players must be masked at all times. We have informed the tournament staff in Illinois that we would not be participating in this season's event, a tournament we have attended for the last 4 years.