



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Form Submission: Request to Change Scheduled Sport Season

2020-21 school year

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League / District Requesting Change: Greater Spokane League

WIAA District: District 8

WIAA Region: East Region #3

Form Completed By: Ken VanSickle

Role / Job Title: Greater Spokane League Director

The information below is specific to the request:

Sport(s) : Season #2 and #3 start/end dates

Classification(s) : 2A, 3A and 4A

Start date being requested: Season #2 (Spring Sports) April 5th and Season #3 (Winter Sports) May 3rd for Gymnastics and Boys Swim + Dive and Basketball, Wrestling, Slow Pitch Softball, Competitive Cheer and Dance/Drill will star May 10th.

End date being requested: Season #2 May 15th and Season #3 June 20th.

of weeks for the requested season: 6 Weeks each for Seasons #2 and #3

Plan for culminating event for the requested season:

We do not plan to have any culminating events in Seasons #1, #2 or #3 as our goal in to give as many opportunities for our athletes to compete in our own League. This will also reduce travel which is a major concern. Also our other Regional Leagues (Big 9, MCC and CWAC) schedules do not match up with ours.

Detailed explanation of WHY the request is being made to alter the sport season for this sport, classification and league/district/region:



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Our Season #1 start dates had to be adjusted because of the weather in the Spokane area. This adjustment was approved by the WIAA. We waited on Season #2 and #3 until the WIAA made their decision on the start dates and sport alignment. We are following the WIAA scheduled seasons but had to adjust start dates. The modified start dates allow 6 week seasons for the remaining sports. We have reduced overlap and created the best possible opportunity for our athletes to compete. We did move Slow Pitch from Season #1 to #3 because our fields are not playable in February and early March.

Indicate who has been involved in this request and their stance on this request :

Because we are not altering the Season's recommended by the WIAA (except Slow Pitch) just the start/end dates we had total support from all stakeholders. The League Athletic Directors adjusted the schedule with guidance from the League President (Me, Ken VanSickle). The League Principals voted unanimously to approve the schedule and District 8 Director (Herb Rotchford) also approved the schedule. The GSL Season's Start/End dates have been shared with the surrounding Leagues (MCC, Big 9, NEA). Our League AD's have also included the different Officials Associations to make sure they are aware of start/end dates to organize officials and address any concerns they have. Like the WIAA, we feel we are giving our athletes the best opportunity to play and participate in sports with the adjusted season's schedule.

Additional Information :

We are working with our Spokane Regional Health District to work out the best path for a safe return to athletics. They have supported the adjustments we have made as well as the protocols we our establishing. We will continue to work together as their current position is not to have fans at any games/contests at this time. We have established a great line of communication to insure our athletes, coaches and fans will be safe as we return to play. We have also added Othello from the CWAC League into all of our schedules as they are in the East Regional Health District. It will mean more travel for our 2A schools but League Principals felt it was the right thing to do. I will also be sending you a copy of our proposed Sports start dates so you can see it on paper. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know, Ken VanSickle, GSL Director

Approved / Denied

Executive Director Signature _____ Date _____