



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Form Submission: Request to Change Scheduled Sport Season

2020-21 school year

Date Received : 1/13/2021 11:43:09

League / District Requesting Change: Northeast A

WIAA District: 7

WIAA Region: East

Form Completed By: Jeff Pietz

Role / Job Title: League President

The information below is specific to the request:

Sport(s) : All

Classification(s) : 1A

Start date being requested: March 1, 2021 (Feb 22 for football)

End date being requested: See notes below

of weeks for the requested season: 6

Plan for culminating event for the requested season:
See below

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

Three (3) seasons; beginning March 1 (Feb 22 for football) with duration of six (6) weeks, with one (1) week overlap into the following season.

Season A
B/G Cross Country, Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Football
Start Date: March 1, 2021
(February 22 for FB)



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End Date: April 10, 2021

Season B

Baseball, Softball, Boys Soccer, Track, B/G Golf, B/G Tennis

Start Date: April 5, 2021

End Date: May 15, 2021

Season C

B/G Basketball, B/G Wrestling

Start Date: May 10, 2021

End Date: June 20, 2021

*If our region moves to Phase 2, we would consider moving start date to Season A up to one (1) week earlier (i.e. Feb 15th for FB and Feb 22nd for all others in Season A)

Culminating Events for All Seasons

League only; possible District tournament or creative tournament with league schools only (i.e. 4-team Kansas City tie-breaker tournament style football event; “jamboree” style events for some other sports); or may not have culminating event and just pursue additional league competitions (not to exceed the WIAA allocated 70% threshold)

Why?

Fall sports to begin March 1 (Feb 22 for FB):

Eastern Washington weather conditions and Phases pose challenges to following the scheduled WIAA seasons. The potential for adverse weather conditions in our area in the early part of February make it difficult to put our soccer or football teams outside on fields that most likely would be covered in snow or not in a safe condition to play on. We believe March 1st (Feb 22nd for football) is more attainable. The push to a later date would also allow more time for possibility of advancing in Phases to allow for the sports to begin practices (football outdoors and volleyball indoors).

Spring sports to begin April 5

Moving Spring sports to April 5th start allows for our field/court conditions to become playable for sports such as baseball, softball and tennis. Our area of the state often struggles to have playable conditions for Spring sports in a typical year, as many of our schools do not have fields ready until late March/early April.



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Winter sports to begin May 10

By pushing winter sports to the latest possible start date, this would allow for more time to elapse regarding possible downward trends/shifts in Covid metrics to allow our high-risk sports to occur with competitions.

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

League Athletic Directors, League Principals, League Superintendents, District Director all are in support of the proposal.

Schools

Medical Lake High School

Colville High School

Newport High School

Freeman High School

Riverside High School

Deer Park High School

NEA Secretary

Superintendents

Brian Talbott - Nine Mile Falls SD

Tim Ames - Medical Lake SD

Pete Lewis - Colville SD

Dr. Dave Smith - Newport SD

Dr. Randy Russell - Freeman SD

Dr. Ken Russell - Riverside SD

Travis Hanson - Deer Park SD



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Principals

Brent Obsorn - Lakeside HS

Chris Spring - Medical Lake HS

Kevin Knight - Colville HS

Jamie Pancho - Newport HS

Renee Bailey - Freeman HS

Clint Hull - Riverside HS

Joe Feist - Deer Park HS

Athletic Directors

Jeff Pietz - Lakeside HS

Justin Blayne - Medical Lake HS

Megan Smedley - Colville HS

Brett Mackey - Newport HS

Kris Herda - Freeman HS

Ryan Bodecker - Riverside HS

Keith Stamps - Deer Park HS

Joe Richer - District 7 Director

Additional Information :

Request of the following:

- Our league is allowed to determine academic and transfer eligibility since we are not competing



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with anyone outside of our league and will not be participating in any state/regional culminating event. Our league would prefer to give every student-athlete the opportunity to play. We realize this may impact some eligibility next year, but in present time, we are comfortable making this determine eligibility within our own league.

- The five (5) pre-practices required to compete may be waived for any athlete that is participating in a sport season prior so that the overlap of one week does not penalize athletes for remaining with their team to the end of the season.

-For example, if a "Johnny" plays football through week 6 of Season A, while his baseball team begins week 1 of Season B (the overlap period), his five (5) pre-practice requirement for baseball would be waived and he would be eligible for competition in week 2 of the baseball season.

- We realize our coaches, in coordination with administration, must use best judgment determining if an athlete is ready to compete

- This request is to help alleviate any conflicts with athletes feeling they must choose between sports during the overlap.

- If this is not allowed, then our plan B would be to allow an athlete to practice up to two (2) sports in one day to meet pre-practice requirements.

- Summer 2.0 extended until Saturday, February 27, 2021

Approved / Denied

Executive Director Signature _____ Date _____