

MEMO



*Guiding Student
Athletes to Excellence*

Date: August 31, 2021

To: Principals, Metro Member Schools
Athletic Directors, Metro Member Schools

From: Metro Executive Committee

RE: HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS UPDATE FOR 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Metro Athletics is very happy to be implementing high school sports once again for the 2021-2022 school year.

Metro's first priority will continue to be the health and safety of our student athletes, coaches and volunteers. Each sport/activity will have a return to play document sent out to schools to assist schools with returning to sport.

The guidelines and recommendations listed below are in the best interest of all involved. We will be taking a cautious approach to the start of the high school sports season so that we can continue to have students participate and plan for the long term.

- First and foremost, it is important to remind you that your school board/district policies should be adhered to. All protocols that have been put in place by your school/board/district regarding venues, travel/transportation, tournaments, Covid-19 protocols, volunteers, safety measures and school specific policies should be followed.
- League guidelines set out by Metro must be adhered to. Metro has decided that there will be **NO SPECTATORS** for our indoor events, for the month of September.
- Outdoor events will allow spectators; it is highly encouraged that spectators wear masks and adhere to social distancing protocols.

We are erring on the side of caution as we finally get back to high school sport. Our goal is long term continuation of sport. Metro has 14 different school boards and 55 high schools under our umbrella, we need one consistent message for all of our schools in order to help support all involved.

We commence our return to high school sport with the following: football, cross country running, golf, girls flag football and volleyball. Our office will send out specific recommendations for each of those sports that will follow ASAA and Provincial Sport Organization guidelines.

We will continue to monitor and follow all Government of Alberta guidelines and reevaluate on an ongoing basis.

We look forward to offering sport once again to all of our Metro student athletes in the safest possible way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Metro Athletics office.

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