

**Response to COVID 19**  
**Executive Board Proposal to Board of Directors**  
**Approved November 18, 2020**



**KSHSAA**

# *KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, November 17, 2020*

## **Consensus**

- No scientific findings indicating spread of COVID19 between athletes on the field of competition
- Rapid recent deterioration of Kansas health
- Primarily an adult issue
- Hospital capacity at max (no transfers)
- “Three Headed Monster”
  - Positivity rate
  - Moving indoors
  - Other illness on top of COVID19
- Athlete mental health – compromised with fear, anxiety
- Strict adherence to mitigation basics necessary
- Pause competition, practice beneficial



# *Proposal*

- Delay competitions for all winter activities until Friday, Jan 15
- Allow virtual competition only in Debate and Scholars Bowl



# *Proposal Cont.*

## **Extend Winter Moratorium**

- Dec 23 – Jan 3. Can resume Jan. 4.
- No contact between coach/athlete/school
- No school facility use



## *Proposal Cont.*

### **In locations where it is appropriate to practice...**

- All KSHSAA risk mitigation protocols strictly enforced
- Winter Activities continue practice through Dec 22
- Winter activities resume practice Jan 4



# *Proposal Cont.*

## **Tentative resumption of competition**

- January 15
- No fans January 15-28
- Limited fans Jan 29 through remainder of winter competitions
- Mandatory universal masking
  - Exception: athletes in competition
  - Exception: officials during live action
- No decision on final status of winter postseason earlier than January 15



# *Proposal Cont.*

## **High School Competition Limitations**

- No invitational tournaments
- Basketball – 13 games
- Bowling – 8 matches
- Swimming and Diving – 6 competitions/athlete
- Wrestling – 12 event max, 20 competition point max



# *Proposal Cont.*

## **Middle School Restrictions**

- No competition in December, practice only
- No competition Jan 1-Jan 14
- No events with more than three schools participating
- Strongly encourage skill development
- Strongly encourage intramural play only
- Limit two fans per player starting Jan 15





# **Special meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Tuesday, November 24, 1:00 PM**

**For the purpose of**

**Discussion/Deliberation/Determination of proposed rules  
modifications for recommended truncated winter season  
of the 2020-21 school year**

**Virtual Format**

