

WOW..... What a crazy spring and summer it has been! I know there are many questions surrounding the upcoming fall sports season, so I wanted to touch base with all players and parents to keep you informed and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

After participating in a Zoom meeting with all Michigan head football coaches as well as Mark Uyl, the President of the MHSAA, I can pass along the following information:

- As of this newsletter (July 8th), the MHSAA is focused on playing football in the fall and starting on time (first official practice is scheduled for August 10)
- The ultimate goal of the MHSAA is to have all 3 sports seasons during the 20-21 school year
- Contrary to rumors and the Governor's recommendation, flipping fall and spring sports is NOT likely
- New physicals are NOT required for athletes who have a physical on file from the 2019-20 school year (physicals are still recommended if possible). If a player did not have a physical on file with the school last year, they will need one for the 2020-21 school year
- Many precautions are in place and will continue to help limit the spread of COVID-19:
 - Athletes will continue having a health screening (by coaches) before any activities (includes temperature check and 4 health questions)
 - Social distancing will take place when not in competitive situations (on sideline, in drills, team huddles and meetings, locker rooms, bus rides, etc.)
 - Athletes will be required to have and utilize their own water bottles and towels (no sharing)
 - Coaches will wear masks or face shields when possible
 - We are currently looking into shields that attach to helmet facemasks for players (Schutt)
 - Equipment will be sanitized before and after activities
 - Hand sanitizer will be available throughout all workouts, practices, and competitions

Currently we are in phase 4 of reopening Michigan. It is important to understand that it is possible to begin the football season while in phase 4, but it makes it more difficult. In order to have the best chance to begin and complete a fall football schedule in 2020, we need EVERYONE'S effort in helping Michigan reach phase 5. Steps to help us reach this include; continuing to social distance when possible, washing hands regularly, wearing a mask indoors when in public places, and staying away from mass gatherings and events where social distancing is not taking place.

I encourage everyone to do their best to help us reach phase 5 and allow our student-athletes the opportunities they deserve on the field. If at any point Michigan reverts to phase 3, all sports will be suspended.

I can promise that the number one priority of myself and my staff is the safety of our student-athletes. We will abide by all recommended protocols and provide a safe environment for players to excel on the field this fall.

Thank You,
Coach Cooper

UPCOMING DATES & SEASON PREPERATION

- Outdoor Summer Workouts (grades 7-12)
 - Thursday July 9th 7pm
 - Monday July 13th 7pm
 - Tuesday July 14th 7pm
 - Thursday July 16th 7pm
 - Monday July 20th 7pm
 - Tuesday July 21st 7pm
 - Thursday July 23rd 7pm
- High School Team Camp (see attached form)
 - Tuesday July 28th 6-9pm
 - Wednesday July 29th 6-9pm
 - Thursday July 30th 6-9pm

*** Players..... It is time to commit and prepare for the season. We need better attendance at workouts and all players MUST attend our High School Team Camp if they intend to play this year!