



May 28, 2020

On Friday, May 22, 2020, the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) Board of Directors met to discuss and vote on a proposed schedule for the resumption of summer athletic and fine arts programs for Oklahoma schools. The Board voted against the proposal, which means that individual school districts were given discretion to resume these activities in accordance with current health guidelines and the OSSAA guidelines for typical summer practices. With the paramount goal of ensuring the health and welfare of our staff and student-athletes during this unpredictable time, Bixby Public Schools will be implementing the guidelines and health protocols that were proposed to the OSSAA Board, incorporating the following modified timeline:

**June 2-3:**

**Professional Development for Staff/Coaches on Reopening Guidelines**

- Training on screening procedures, contact tracing, CDC guidelines, sanitization/disinfection, and social distancing policies.
- Staff/coaches must attend all required training in order to resume activities with students.
- Student-athletes will receive instructions related to any scheduled activities from their coach(es) prior to June 8th (meeting places, times, restrictions, etc.)

**June 8-19:**

**Activities Resume in Limited Capacity**

- Only weight training and conditioning activities are allowed.
- Band can begin small group practice with appropriate protocols.
- SPA (Strength, Power, Agility) will be conducted for Bixby students only.
- Both indoor and outdoor facilities may be used, with appropriate social distancing and use of sanitary protocols. **No access to locker rooms is permitted.**

**June 22-26:**

**Increased Activities**

- Social distancing guidelines still apply.
- Tryouts for the following sports may begin: Cheer, Dance, Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball. The athletic department will announce specific dates and times after discussions with individual coaches.

**June 29-July 5:**

**OSSAA Mandated Activity Blackout Period (*if not waived by OSSAA Board*)**

**July 6-14:**

**Activities Resume**

- Activities continue following established guidelines
- Limited camps and clinics (must be approved in advance)
- Tryouts for Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Dance, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball may continue.

**July 15 - July 31: Beginning of 2020-2021 Activity Calendar**

- Unrestricted practice may begin for fast-pitch, fall baseball, volleyball, cross-country, band, and other OSSAA non-athletic activities.
- All other sports/activities will be governed by OSSAA rules and regulations.

**Additional Information:**

1. Current physicals will be honored through July 15.
2. Information related to physicals for 2020-2021 will be provided as soon as possible.
3. No team camps, summer leagues, or youth camps are allowed prior to July 6.
4. Student use of masks/face coverings when not working out is encouraged but not required. Coaches and staff will be expected to wear masks when in close proximity to students.
5. ALL summer workouts/activities will be conducted on a voluntary basis. No student will be penalized for failure to participate or be required to make up missed sessions.

This plan has been developed in conjunction with district medical personnel and in collaboration with other local school districts. Students should expect to hear from their individual coach(es) for specific guidelines prior to June 8. Daily guidelines and protocols for student and staff screening will be shared prior to the start of summer activities and may differ slightly based on the activity and environment. The situation surrounding COVID-19 is fluid, so adjustments will be made to this plan as necessary.

We appreciate the support of our families in adhering to these new guidelines and working together to make this reopening plan as safe as possible for all.

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