



Fall 2020 Athletics

August 10, 2020



Forward Dane Guidelines

- No competitions for moderate risk (volleyball, soccer) or high risk (football) sports
- Modified competitions can be held for low risk (cross country, swim) sports
- Modified practices with masks and social distancing are allowed for all sports
- Indoor maximum of 10 students, outdoor maximum of 25
- PHMDC: No recent sport changes, not expecting any changes to sport requirements in the near future. Local data does not indicate that we would be moving to phase 3 anytime soon. (email communication, August 4)

WIAA Ruling



- Will push back the start date for moderate and high risk sports to September 7th; low risk sports start date is August 17th
- Schools have the option of playing fall sports in the spring
- Next BOC meeting is 8/14 to discuss what fall sports that are completed in the spring would look like



Conference Decisions

High School

- Big 8 will move fall sports to the spring, and spring sports to the summer
- Rock Valley conference and Monroe will move fall sports to spring, and spring sports to summer
- Badger will not sponsor conference play. Teams will make local decisions on whether or not to hold competitions this fall
- Capitol will wait until 8/18 to decide
- Illinois and Minnesota are moving most fall sports to spring

College

- Big Ten, WIAC, NAAC, MWC and CCIW are all canceling or postponing fall sports

Options



1. Conduct fall season as scheduled
2. Push fall season to spring
3. Cancel fall activities

Conduct Fall Season as Scheduled



Pros

- Gets kids active after months of inactivity
- Improve student mental health
- Part of the phasing in process for students

Cons

- Currently no competitions allowed for moderate/high risk sports
- Very small chance of entering Phase III during fall season
- How can you justify athletics when school is virtual?
- Many cancellations of events already
- Transportation limits



Fall Season Pushed to Spring

Pros

- Seems to be our best chance of playing
- Best chance of getting all seasons in
- Covid metrics hopefully improve

Cons

- Spring sports to summer
- Shortened season
- No guarantee that restrictions will be lifted
- Scheduling



Cancel Fall Sports

Pros

- Safest option
- Does not disrupt winter or spring sports

Cons

- Loss of significant high school experience
- Student Mental Health
- Club options might open up with less regulation



“People who work together will win, whether it be against complex defenses, or the problems of modern society.”

- Vince Lombardi