

As of 8/19/20

Comparisons-SEC/ACC	Status, First Equipment for FB, First Game for FB
Alabama	Normal, 8/3, 8/20-21, Guidance Released 7/23/20
Arkansas	<p>No delay, 8/3, 8/24-28. The Arkansas Activities Association is preparing to resume activities and athletics this Fall in accordance with the regular AAA calendar. These preparations are contingent upon compliance with all directives as issued by the Governor’s office and Department of Health. In collaboration with the NFHS, AAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, Coach’s and Official’s Advisory Committees, and other affiliated activity committees, plans are being formulated to comply with all directives and safely return to participation. All states contiguous to Arkansas have indicated they are making similar plans to begin as scheduled this Fall. Plans are also being discussed at all levels in regard to adjustments to the calendar if necessary.</p>
Florida	<p>Option 1 approved with the caveats that schools would not have a minimum contest limit to be eligible for State Series play and that schools may opt out of the State Series by September 18th with the ability to form their own regional schedule upon approval from the FHSAA. The Board also voted to require all coaches to view the NFHS Course “COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators” and to make a COVID waiver form available to schools.</p> <p>First Date of Practice: August 24 First Date of Regular Season: September 4 Last Date of Regular Season: Current Calendar* State Series: Current Calendar</p> <p>Current contracts on or after September 4 are valid, unless both schools mutually agree to cancel the contracts. If both schools cannot agree, it shall be reported to the Executive Director for adjudication (Bylaw 8.4) Contracts prior to September 4th are cancelled, unless both schools wish to make the contest up at a later date.</p> <p>*All schools are permitted to participate in regular season contests upon elimination from the State Series. The last date of the FHSAA State Championship in that particular sport shall be the last permissible date for a regular season contest in this situation. No school may exceed the regular season contest limitation listed in Policy 6.1.2.</p> <p>Qualification for the State Series will remain the same except for Football and Girls Volleyball. Football and Girls Volleyball will be detailed in Football and Girls Volleyball Season Options. Schools will have an option to opt out of the State Series without penalty (September 18). Schools will need to notify State Series hosts In individual sports their intent to participate one week prior to the district tournament. Schools will not be penalized for late withdrawals from the State Series. Football will have a specific State Series commitment date.</p> <p>Policy 41, Exertional Heat Illness, must be followed by all member schools for all sports. All minimum contest requirements for individuals and teams (Policy 10.2 and 10.3) are waived. Details - https://www.fhsaa.org/node/49445</p>
Georgia	<p>Delayed, 8/1, 9/4, Confirmed normal start (health restrictions) on 7/22 Game Guidance and positive test procedures issued on August 17, details https://www.ghsa.net/latest-ghsa-statements-coronavirus-situation</p>
Kentucky	<p>Delayed, first practice 8/24, first contest 9/7 in fall sports except for football and golf; golf normal start and continuous play; football start practice 8/24, first contest 9/11. Governor has now declared that schools should NOT open for in-person learning until 9/28. KHSAA working with Governor's office in anticipation of next Board of Control meeting on 8/20.</p>
Louisiana	<p>Delayed, 8/10, 9/3 BUT no full contact until Phase III and 14 consecutive days flattening the curve. As they plan, have adopted a graph for activities guide, broken into four categories per sport- Practice, Intrsquads, interschool and game play. As of 8/18, Louisiana remains in Phase 2 with no contact practice, and only competition allowed in swimming and cross country, with Volleyball allowed intrasquad. Details at https://cdn.lhsaa.org/uploads/images/LHSAA_Sport_Specific_Phase_Chart_Revised_7.13.20.pdf</p>

Mississippi	<p>Two week delay, 8/17, 9/4</p> <p>Has issued all-sport guidance week of 8/11, details at https://www.misshsaa.com/2020/08/11/comprehensive-fall-2020-return-to-sport-guidelines/</p> <p>Has issued sports-specific guidance for fall sports at https://www.misshsaa.com/2020/08/10/mhsaa-school-guidelines-for-fall-sports/</p> <p>Practice for cross country, swimming and volleyball can begin August 10 with competition among schools permitted starting August 24.</p> <p>Practice for football can begin August 17. Scrimmages between schools are allowed beginning August 28th with games starting September 4th. The football playoff and championship dates are unchanged. Games scheduled for the first two weeks of the season will not be made up. Swim, Volleyball, and Cross Country will start August 10 with first meet/match on August 24. Any meet/match lost due to delayed start can be rescheduled with permission from both school administrations. Post season events remain the same at this time.</p>
Missouri	<p>Normal Dates and Start for Fall of 2020, however schools will be allowed play in an alternate season in 2021 if opting out of fall or winter 2020, and spring of 2021 will be extended.</p> <p>The traditional seasons are still being offered at this time for those schools able to participate. Also put a plan into place in the event a school is not able to participate partially or in whole. This could give those students an opportunity to complete a season in their sport in the spring.</p> <p>Schools may use the alternate Fall sport seasons for any sport if the sport meets certain thresholds including, but not limited to, length of traditional season participation and access to traditional postseason. Schools choosing to use the alternate Fall season for any sport will automatically be included in the alternate Spring season. Schools may opt out of any alternate Spring sport season (s) by contacting the MSHSAA office.</p> <p>In the plan, the Winter season would remain intact with the first possible practice being Monday, November 2nd. The Winter season concludes on March 20th. Schools would be allowed to join the Winter season when their local guidelines allow.</p> <p>In the alternate Fall season, the first allowable competitions would be able to begin on March 12th and concluding by May 1st. For the alternate Spring season, competitions would be able to begin on May 14th and conclude by July 10th. A school's team competing in an alternate season for any sport may not exceed the allowable number of weeks allowed in the traditional season as well as not exceed any contest limitations of the traditional season.</p>
North Carolina	<p>Starting XC 11/4 (play 11/16 to 1/8); VB 11/4 (play 11/16 to 1/8); SW 11/23 (play 12/7 to 1/30, 10); BK 12/7 (play 1/4 to 2/19, 14); LAX/BSO 1/11 (play 1/25 to 3/12, 14); FB 2/8 (play 2/26 to 4/9, 7); GF/GSO/FP/GF/TNM 3/1 (play 3/15-4/30, 14); BA/GTN/WR 4/12 (play 4/26-6/11, 14); TF 4/12 (play 4/26-6/11, 10)</p> <p>Complete calendar at https://www.nchsaa.org/sites/default/files/Amended-2020-2021_Calendar_Aug2020.pdf</p>
South Carolina	<p>Delayed Sports. Practices start GF, SW and TN-8/17, XC and VB-8/24, CC and FB- 9/8; First contest- SO, SW, TN- 8/24, GF, SW, TN- 8/31, XC, FB-9/8</p>
Tennessee	<p>Normal Dates and Start</p>
Texas (1A to 4A)	<p>August 3, August 29</p>
Texas (5A and 6A)	<p>Moved / Delayed 4 weeks, September 7, September 24-26, Finals after January 1</p>
Virginia	<p>Voted to accept the "sandwich plan", moving fall in between winter and spring sports. Season 1 (Winter) December 14 – February 20 (First Contest Date – December 28)-basketball, gymnastics, indoor track, swim/dive, wrestling; Season 2 (Fall) February 15 – May 1 (First Contest Date – March 1)-cheer, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, volleyball; Season 3 (Spring) April 12 – June 26 (First Contest Date – April 26)- baseball, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field. Details at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q_H3aEJigUgMvBFYqfB8dSzqQPEq64s0/view</p>

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Illinois	Has revised school year into four sports seasons. Fall: August 10 to October 24, Winter: November 16 to February 13, Spring: February 15 to May 1, Summer: May 3 to June 26. Football moved to spring, details at https://www.ihsa.org/News-Media/Announcements/ihsa-board-announces-modified-schedule-for-2020-21-school-year
Indiana	As of 7/23, no notice of changing any fall season dates. Practice and play is ongoing on normal schedules as of 8/18/20 and begins all fall competition week of 8/17 except Golf which has already begun
Missouri	<p>Normal Dates and Start for Fall of 2020, however schools will be allowed play in an alternate season in 2021 if opting out of fall or winter 2020, and spring of 2021 will be extended. The traditional seasons are still being offered at this time for those schools able to participate. Also put a plan into place in the event a school is not able to participate partially or in whole. This could give those students an opportunity to complete a season in their sport in the spring. Schools may use the alternate Fall sport seasons for any sport if the sport meets certain thresholds including, but not limited to, length of traditional season participation and access to traditional postseason. Schools choosing to use the alternate Fall season for any sport will automatically be included in the alternate Spring season. Schools may opt out of any alternate Spring sport season (s) by contacting the MSHSAA office.</p> <p>In the plan, the Winter season would remain intact with the first possible practice being Monday, November 2nd. The Winter season concludes on March 20th. Schools would be allowed to join the Winter season when their local guidelines allow.</p> <p>In the alternate Fall season, the first allowable competitions would be able to begin on March 12th and concluding by May 1st. For the alternate Spring season, competitions would be able to begin on May 14th and conclude by July 10th. A school's team competing in an alternate season for any sport may not exceed the allowable number of weeks allowed in the traditional season as well as not exceed any contest limitations of the traditional season.</p>
Ohio	Normal, 8/1, 8/24, released final approved documents on 7/22/20. Current governor's orders restricting attendance which would apply to all sports, professional included. OHSAA working on revisions with Governor's office. Anticipate release of attendance guidelines and other regulatory information from Governors office on 8/18, 2 p.m. OHSAA has reduced football season to six regular season games with all teams making the playoffs, awaiting governor's final approval. OHSAA resumption document online at https://www.ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ohsaa-adjusts-season-if-football-is-approved-by-governor160 and https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/2020/OHSAAReturnToPlayRecs.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=OQl3CIQfORCSyMX6sH9okmixdLlaxCCAie9PMAXPbJ4%3D
Tennessee	Normal Dates and Start
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West Virginia	Delayed, 8/17, 9/3. Anticipating update week of 8/10. State has developed a color coded system based on the Harvard model and modified for use in their state. Counties are colored green, yellow, orange, or red based on the severity of the rate of community spread. In green and yellow counties, practice and play can continue. In orange counties, only practice can occur. In red counties, no practice or play.

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Delaware	The board voted to delay the start of sport seasons with a condensed season model that will begin in December. DIAA will work with member school administrators, athletic directors, sport committees, athletic trainers and DIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee on specific season start dates. Football and wrestling are not included in DPH’s sport-specific guidance and are not approved to be played at this time. The DIAA’s Return to Play plan designates the winter season to begin in December, the fall season in mid-February 2021 and the spring season in mid-April 2021. The exact start dates will be decided upon at the September DIAA Board of Directors meeting.
District of Columbia	Moved to "Sandwich Plan" in 2nd semester, placing fall sports (regular season) in between winter and spring
Maryland	Majority of state is virtual only. Postpone the 2020 high school fall and winter competition season during the first semester to second semester. The MPSSAA, the MDH, and the PSSAM will continue to collaborate on finalizing a hybrid two-semester plan focused on student engagement options in the first semester and modified competition seasons for all sports during the second semester. Details of the hybrid two-semester plan will be available in the coming weeks prior to the start of the 2020-2021 academic year.
Ohio	Normal, 8/1, 8/24, released final approved documents on 7/22/20. Current governor's orders restricting attendance which would apply to all sports, professional included. OHSAA working on revisions with Governor's office. Anticipate release of attendance guidelines and other regulatory information from Governors office on 8/18, 2 p.m. OHSAA has reduced football season to six regular season games with all teams making the playoffs, awaiting governor's final approval. OHSAA resumption document online at https://www.ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ohsaa-adjusts-season-if-football-is-approved-by-governor160 and https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/2020/OHSAAReturnToPlayRecs.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=OQI3CIQfORCsyMX6sH9okmixdLIaxCCAie9PMAXPbJ4%3D
Pennsylvania	Normal, 8/10, 8/28
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Alaska	One week delay
Arizona	Golf – Aug. 24; Badminton – Aug. 31; All other fall sports – week of Sept. 7
California	Voted to adopt "sandwich plan" putting fall sports in between winter and spring. Subsequently, Northern section voted NOT to make change and to leave normal fall sessions.

Colorado	Has revised as of 8/4. Had 4 seasons. Details of season at post located at https://chsaanow.com/2020-08-04/chsaa-announces-2020-21-athletics-and-activities-calendar/ . The following 2020 fall sports will begin as originally scheduled: boys golf began practice on Aug. 3, softball and boys tennis is set to begin on Aug. 10, and cross country on Aug. 12. According to the modified calendar, this is Season A. In anticipation of data from the state which shows a likely resurgence of COVID-19 cases in late fall, there will be a participation moratorium from Oct. 18, 2020 to Jan. 3, 2021. Sports in Season B will begin on Jan. 4, and conclude by March 6. These sports include: basketball, ice hockey, skiing, spirit, girls swimming and wrestling. Season C, which begins on March 1 and concludes with championships by May 1, includes the following sports: field hockey, football, gymnastics, boys soccer, unified bowling and girls volleyball.
Connecticut	As of 8/14/20, based on DPH recommendations, the board took the action to pause all in-person interscholastic fall sport activity including conditioning programs which are already underway until Monday, August 24. Further discussion and review of alternatives is underway.
Idaho	Normal Dates and Start
Iowa	Normal Dates and Start. However have rebracketed their football. All teams advance to playoffs, regular season shortened.
Kansas	Delayed, likely 9/9
Maine	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	Recently announced move of football to spring, other fall sports will remain in fall. Details at https://secondhalf.mhsaa.com/All-News/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/9190/Football-to-Move-to-Spring-for-2020-21
Minnesota	Normal Dates and Start
Montana	Normal Dates and Start
Nebraska	Delayed, 8/17, 9/3. Anticipating update week of 8/10. State has developed a color coded system based on the Harvard model and modified for use in their state. Counties are colored green, yellow, orange, or red based on the severity of the rate of community spread. In green and yellow counties, practice and play can continue. In orange counties, only practice can occur. In red counties, no practice or play.
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	Governor moved Soccer and Football to spring
New York	
North Dakota	Normal Dates and Start
Oklahoma	Normal Dates and Start
Oregon	All sports may continue except football, which is prohibited until further notice
Rhode Island	
South Dakota	Normal Dates and Start
Utah	Normal Dates and Start
Vermont	
Washington	Must be in phase 3
Wisconsin	Girls golf, girls tennis, girls swimming and diving, and boys and girls cross country August 17; Football, boys soccer, boys and girls volleyball September 7
Wyoming	Normal Dates and Start

Football Summary of States

FALL 2020	
State – Start Date-Start Date / Or	Alabama – Start Date-Aug. 21 / Aug. 21

	Alaska – Start Date-Aug. 20 / Aug. 20
	Arizona – Start Date-Sept. 30 / Aug. 19
	Arkansas – Start Date-Aug. 28 / Aug. 23
	Connecticut – Start Date-Sept. 24 / Sept. 10
	Florida – Start Date- Sept. 4 / Aug. 20
	Georgia – Start Date-Sept. 4 / Aug. 20
	Idaho – Start Date-Aug. 27 / Aug. 27
	Indiana – Start Date-Aug. 20 / Aug. 20
	Iowa – Start Date-Aug. 27 / Aug. 27
	Kansas – Start Date-Sept. 4 / Sept. 4
	Kentucky – Start Date-Sept. 11 / Aug. 20
	Louisiana – Start Date-Oct. 8 / Sept. 4
	Maine – Start Date-Sept. 4 / Sept. 4
	Massachusetts – Start Date-Sept. 14 / August 17
	Mississippi – Start Date-Sept. 4 / Aug. 28
	Missouri – Start Date-Aug. 28 / Aug. 28
	Montana – Start Date-Aug. 27 / Aug. 27
	Nebraska – Start Date-Aug. 27 / Aug. 27
	New Hampshire – Start Date-Sept. 4 / Sept. 4
	New Jersey – Start Date-Oct. 2 / Aug. 28
	New York – Start Date-Sept. 21 / Aug. 24
	North Dakota – Start Date-Aug. 20 / Aug. 20
	Ohio – Start Date-Aug. 28 / Aug. 28
	Oklahoma – Start Date-Aug. 28 / Aug. 28
	Rhode Island – Start Date-Sept. 11 / Sept. 11
	South Carolina – Start Date-Sept. 25 / Aug. 20
	South Dakota – Start Date-Aug. 20 / Aug. 20
	Tennessee – Start Date-Aug. 20 / Aug. 20
	Texas – Start Date-Aug. 27 / Aug. 27, Classes 1-4; remainder start two weeks later with games Sept. 24 *
	Utah – Start Date-Aug. 13 / Aug. 13
	West Virginia – Start Date-Sept. 3 / Aug. 24
	Wisconsin – Start Date-Sept. 23 / Aug. 20
	Wyoming – Start Date-Aug. 27 / Aug. 27
SPRING 2021	
State – Start Date-Start Date / Original Start Date	California – Start Date-Jan. 8 / Aug. 21
	Colorado – Start Date-Feb. 22 / Aug. 27
	Delaware – Start Date-TBD / Sept. 11
	District of Columbia – Start Date-Feb. 22 / Aug. 28
	Hawaii – Start Date-TBD / Sept. 4
	Illinois – Start Date-TBD / Aug. 28

	Maryland – Start Date-TBD / Sept. 4
	Michigan – Start Date-TBD / Aug. 27
	Minnesota – Start Date-TBD / Aug. 28
	Nevada – Start Date-March 5 / Aug. 14
	New Mexico – Start Date-March 4 / Aug. 17
	North Carolina – Start Date-Feb. 26 / Aug. 20
	Oregon – Start Date-March 8 / Sept. 4
	Vermont – Start Date-TBD/ Aug. 28
	Virginia – Start Date-March 1 / Aug. 28
	Washington – Start Date-March 8 / Sept. 4
TO BE DETERMINED	
State – Start Date-Original Start	Pennsylvania – Start Date-Aug. 28 / Play Date TBD