

Dr. Lawson,

I request the following topics be discussed with board members and added to the special called meeting agenda for athletics.

1. Modification of Archery Attendance Plan – In the original attendance plan we limited the capacity to 15% of the capacity of the building during an archery event. The proposal included archers, coaches and range officials with no spectators being present. There is a higher capacity posted for when the event is something other than archery. We believe that by using folding chairs we can adequately social distance even with the addition of a limited group of spectators. The modified request is outlined below.
  - For practice, still no spectators at all in either building.
    - Building # 1 (North Side Building)
      - Total Capacity - 460
      - Archery Event - 160
      - We would like to have 50 people capacity during practice. We can adjust chairs, archers, coaches etc to accommodate spacing and minimal contact.
    - Building #2 (South Side Building)
      - Total Capacity - 375
      - Archery Event - 190
      - We would like to propose 40 people capacity during practice. Once again, we can adjust chairs, archers, coaches etc to accommodate spacing and minimal contact.
  - For us to be able to host tournaments we would like to propose the following :
    - Building #1 (North Side Building)(see capacity numbers above)
      - 18 archers - 1 per target
      - 36 parents - 2 per archery (these names would be collected ahead of tournament and verified at door before entry)
      - 2 coaches - 1 per team
      - 4/5 range officials
      - Total 60 people
    - Building #2 (South Side Building) (see capacity numbers above)
      - 14 archers - 1 per target
      - 28 parents - 2 per archers (these names collected before tournament and verified at gate before entry)
      - 2 coaches - 1 per team
      - 4/5 range officials
      - Total 50 people
  - Monte Troutman and Gaylan Haire have measured out the archery building, and they believe we have enough space to allow 2 people per archer. There is enough space to keep everyone 6 feet away from each other and still have plenty of space.
2. We would like to begin conditioning for spring sports on February 1. We would begin conditioning with minimal sharing and no contact between athletes for the first two weeks. During that time, small groups would be used to lessen contacts. Athletes would be required to have a negative COVID test within 7 days of beginning conditioning. All current sanitation and safety guidelines will be followed.
  - a. In a normal year, baseball and softball would have started working out before Christmas and tennis would have started after winter break. The first baseball and softball games are scheduled to be played on March 29. That allows 8 weeks of throwing progression to reduce the chances of injury to arms from overexertion.
  - b. The first official practice for tennis is February 15. This would give them 2 weeks to get some conditioning before beginning practice. Our first contest is scheduled for March 3.

- c. Bass Fishing would also like to begin on February 1. Their first official contest can be on February 22. Students will be at least 6 feet apart and wear face masks while practicing and competing. They do not have contact with each other or share any equipment.
3. We would like for the board to recommend whether we can allow three levels of competition for baseball and softball (freshman, junior varsity and varsity). In general, the freshman team practices separately from the JV and varsity.
4. The National Competition for the Dance team (April 14-19) and Cheer team (April 23-25) will be held in Orlando, FL. While there are options to compete virtually, the experience of competing in person cannot be matched with a virtual competition. While we are not officially asking for permission to attend, we would like to keep the option open and make the final decision as we approach the contest dates. However, we are asking for permission to purchase airline tickets to secure a better rate than waiting until the last minute. This would require a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. We have written an acknowledgement of risk for the parents to sign before purchasing tickets. I have updated the acknowledgement and attached it to this email.
5. The KHSAA recommendation (not requirement) for Segment 1 (through January 17, 2021) was a maximum of 4 tickets per uniformed player or other student with official connection to the team. We have been limiting to 2 tickets per participant. Beginning on January 18, 2021, the KHSAA recommendation (not requirement) is that attendance may be increased but still limited to 15% of the facility capacity. If we limit to 15%, our capacity will be 375 persons in the gymnasium. Depending on the amount of administration present, the number of essential personnel should not exceed 110 people, and this number assumes that both teams will have 30 players, which is rare. That would leave 265 tickets. We currently, and would continue to allow 65 tickets for the visiting team, and we would use the remaining 200 tickets for Henderson County fans. The number of tickets available for each participant would vary somewhat based on which groups; cheer, dance and/or band are also participating. In summary, I am asking for an increase in the number of tickets available to Henderson County participants not to exceed 200 tickets, visiting tickets not to exceed 65 and essential personnel not to exceed 110 for a total of no more than 375 people in the gym.
6. We would like to begin offering the varsity sport of Esports. Esports requires a tremendous amount of critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. It can be played either in school or at home and is a great way to keep students safely engaged during this time. We would require all COVID safety protocols during any in person practice or competition. As with any other extracurricular activity at this time, all participants would be required to have a negative COVID test within 7 days of beginning.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you,

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Dance Team Families:

The Henderson County Dance Team is ready to book flights for Nationals in Orlando, FL on April 14-19, 2021. This will require a \$50 nonrefundable deposit for each airline ticket. While we are excited to have this opportunity, we realize that the COVID-19 pandemic may alter our plans.

Please be aware that there are many factors that will influence whether we will ultimately be allowed to attend.

Possible factors include: restrictions on competition or travel from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Henderson County Board of Education or Governor Beshear, cancellation of the contest by NDA, high community COVID-19 incidence rates for home or Orlando, FL and any other unforeseen circumstance that arises as a result of the current global pandemic.

The final decision to allow travel will be made at a later date.

Please read the statement below and sign to assume the risk of forfeiting your deposit.

I understand that my \$50 airfare reservation deposit is nonrefundable and will be forfeited in the event of a cancellation or restriction to travel.

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Printed Name

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Signature