



Dodgeland Athletic Department

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The COVID pandemic continues to impact Wisconsin's planning for the 2020-2021 school year. Providing Dodgeland district families our plan for athletic activities for the remainder of the summer and start of the 2020 fall seasons is the purpose of this letter. This plan represents the best information that we have at this time. Information and guidance from local, state and federal agencies continue to guide our planning and decisions. Please know that it is possible that this plan will need to be changed in response to updated data and guidance. As we experienced in March, this change may need to occur overnight.

At this time we do not know if we will be able to play sports this fall or during the 20-21 school year. We continue to plan for our seasons and hope we can provide some level of activity for our athletic teams. We would like to see our teams be able to start practices as planned but the decision for the start and duration of team practices will be made with the consultation of public health officials. **The district's re-opening plan will be shared with parents once the school board approves the final version in late July. Keeping all of these circumstances in mind, we share with you the following athletic information. We thank you in advance for your support and understanding.**

All Dodgeland athletes must have current physical information on file with the Athletic Director's office prior to beginning all athletic team practices. The WIAA has extended the alternate year provision for student-athletes if they are unable to get a new physical completed prior to the start of the 2020 fall season. A student-athlete will be permitted to start team practices using their previous physical which will be year three with this current physical. A new alternate year card is enclosed in this mailing and must be completed/submitted to the MS/HS office if utilizing the WIAA extension to start the fall season. Parents must get a new physical scheduled as soon as possible and provide that new documentation to the MS/HS office.

The WIAA physical forms and alternate-year cards are available on the district website, in the middle/high school office as well as the district office. **On an enclosed document, your child's current athletic physical information has been identified near the bottom.** A new alternate year card is also enclosed in this mailing if your student-athlete qualifies for an alternate year card to be utilized. If their last physical occurred before April 1, 2019, a new physical needs to be scheduled and a WIAA Athletic Permit Form completed by the physician and parent as soon as possible. In the meantime, complete the alternate year card utilizing the WIAA extension for new physicals. If their last physical was on or after April 1, 2019, a WIAA Alternate Year form with parental signature is necessary.

This summer, Marshfield Clinic - Beaver Dam - **Institute for Movement and Orthopedics** will be providing athletic physicals at both their Beaver Dam and Juneau offices. **Physicals cost \$55.50** and are available by appointment only. See the enclosed document containing additional details. **Call to schedule a physical now as appointments will fill quickly:**

920-887-5975 for the Beaver Dam Center

920-386-8101 for the Juneau Center

It is also the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the Athletic Director's Office with current insurance information. Each athlete must have accident/health insurance coverage in order to be a participant. This

information must be completed on the physical form and alternate year card which also requires a parent signature. The DodgeLand School District does not carry student medical/hospitalization insurance for any of its students. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to financially provide proper medical coverage.

2020-2021 Mandatory Sports Meeting - Tuesday, July 28, 2020 7:00 PM

The DodgeLand School District will be providing a VIRTUAL sports meeting, due to the COVID pandemic, for all parents and student-athletes in grades 5-12. This recorded virtual meeting is scheduled to premier on Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00 pm. The link to this meeting will be sent to all families via School Messenger and it will also be posted on the district website and Facebook page. The Wisconsin Concussion Law, Act 172, Statute 118.293 requires all parents/guardians and athletes to be educated on the risks of concussions and head injuries. Therefore, **any student planning on participating in any athletic activity during the 2020-2021 school year must view this virtual meeting with a parent or guardian.**

At the conclusion of the virtual meeting, athletes and parents will receive instructions and access to complete a meeting verification form . **A student-athlete may not participate in any practices until this meeting obligation is fulfilled by both the student and parent.**

Summer Sports Camps & Conditioning

Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic has interfered with our sports open gyms, skills camps and contact days with coaches during the summer. As of July 13th, high school students may utilize the fitness center in maximum of 10 student cohort/groups. Use this link to sign up for a cohort/group: <https://bit.ly/DSDFitnessCenter> Students are encouraged to use their phones to access the PLATFORM fitness program app to document their daily workouts. The fitness center re-opening expectations and procedures are listed below.

- Cohorts/groups will remain consistent with a maximum of 10 students. No switching of students to different groups allowed to limit exposure to other students.
- Students will meet their supervising coach at door 15 to be admitted into the school. Doors will remain locked so students must be on time to start their workouts.
- Every student and supervising coach will conduct a daily “self-check” prior to entering the school. The supervising coach will document this information in the shared google document at the beginning of the exercise hour.
- Social distancing between everyone in the fitness center is expected. Face coverings are recommended but not required.
- The high school boys and girls locker rooms will be open for use of toilet facilities only. Students are required to arrive dressed in their workout clothing and wearing tennis shoes (no sandals or flip flops).
- Every student and supervising coach will bring their own filled water bottle to school and handle/use only their own water bottle. Refilling will be available.
- Each student will be given their own towel and spray bottle to clean equipment surfaces touched BEFORE and AFTER use of each piece of equipment. Students will turn in their soiled towel and cleaned spray bottle when their workout has concluded. Spray bottles will remain in the fitness center.
- The fitness center will be empty for 20 minutes between cohorts/groups to allow for electrostatic sanitizing by a trained custodian. The room will remain closed for the entire 20 minutes with no reentry by anyone.
- Supervising coaches will regularly wash and dry towels and require ALL students to complete cleaning steps before and after use of all equipment.

- Supervising coaches will address and document any student that fails or refuses to follow all procedures and expectations.
- Repeated disregard/refusal for health and safety procedures will result in the termination of the student's privilege in using the fitness center. The supervising coach will contact that student's parents regarding the termination of privileges.
- Supervising coaches will communicate regularly/daily with Mrs. Modaff, identifying all concerns or challenges.

We are also investigating the possibility of providing student-athletes an additional opportunity of one-hour outdoor conditioning workouts utilizing limits for student-athlete participation per cohort/group. Social distancing and minimal equipment usage would be utilized. More information will be distributed to families via School Messenger if this opportunity can be provided.

Fall Practice Start Dates

The dates identified are the "regular season" start dates for each sport. Information and guidance from local, state and federal agencies continue to guide our planning and decisions. **Please know that it is possible that this plan will need to be changed in response to updated data and guidance. This change may need to occur overnight** and we thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

To minimize the risk of exposure to student-athletes and coaches, practice activities will incorporate skill activities that provide for social distancing and minimizes the sharing of equipment.

High School Football practice will start on Tuesday, August 4th with practice running from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in the fitness center hours. Students must sign up for an available spot for fitness center workouts in our cohorts/groups.

High School Volleyball practice will start on Monday, August 17th, with practice running from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. Enter school through door 15 on the west side of the gymnasiums. Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in the fitness center hours. Students must sign up for an available spot for fitness center workouts in our cohorts/groups.

High School Cross Country practice will start on Monday, August 17th with daily practices from 8:00 -10:00 a.m. at the Wild Goose Park shelter in Juneau. Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in the fitness center hours. Students must sign up for an available spot for fitness center workouts in our cohorts/groups.

High School Boys Soccer practice will start on Monday, August 17th at the Wild Goose Park in Juneau. Daily practices will run 4:00 – 6:00 pm and athletes are to report directly to the Wild Goose Park. Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in the fitness center hours. Students must sign up for an available spot for fitness center workouts in our cohorts/groups.

Middle School & Trojan Jr. Football will distribute equipment on Monday, August 3rd. Athletes and their parents will start in the Media Center with a coach/athlete/parent meeting and then check out their equipment in the mezzanine. Meeting schedule is: Grade 8: 5:00 – 5:30, Grade 7: 5:30 – 6:00, Grade 6: 6:00 – 6:30 and Grade 5: 6:30 – 7:00. All paperwork and fees must be submitted prior to equipment distribution. Practice will start on Tuesday, August 4th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm with athletes arriving no earlier than 3:45 to the school.

Middle School Volleyball practice will start on Wednesday, August 19th with practice running from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Enter school through door 15 on the west side of the gymnasiums.

Middle School Cross Country practice will start on Monday, August 17th with daily practices from 8:00 -10:00 a.m. at the Wild Goose Park shelter in Juneau. MS and HS cross country practice together for the entire season.

High School /Middle School Dance – information will be shared when it becomes available and if participation numbers can sustain teams.

Middle School Boys Basketball practice will start on Wednesday, October 14th, with practice running from 3:15 – 5:00 pm. More information will be distributed later on to interested participants and their parents.

2020-2021 Planning ahead.....

NOTE: Any athlete that plans to participate in only a winter and/or a spring sport must also participate in the July 28th virtual sports meeting. This requirement must be completed prior to starting any winter or spring practice per state law and also school policy.

Winter Sports (HS Boys & Girls Basketball, HS Wrestling) **meeting with coaches only**: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM for distributing season information and schedules. Hockey meeting will be scheduled by the Beaver Dam Athletic Director & head hockey coaches.

Spring Sports (HS & MS Track & Field, HS Softball, HS Baseball) **meeting with coaches only**: Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM for distributing season information and schedules. Girls soccer meeting will be scheduled by the Hustisford Athletic Director and Head Coach Otto Hopfinger.

Additionally.....

Dodgeland students are provided a fabulous variety of athletic and co-curricular opportunities to become involved. Research has proven that students who are engaged and participating in athletic activities and/or other co-curricular activities are more successful students. Students are not “cut” from Dodgeland teams but rather provided the opportunities to participate and compete in our programs. Additionally, students must maintain passing grades in all classes to maintain their competition eligibility.

Dodgeland also provides a daily late bus every day when school is in session. Students need to sign up in the MS/HS office each day and the bus departs from the front of the MS/HS daily at 5:10 pm. Students are delivered to either their homes or designated drop off locations in Clyman, Lowell, and Reeseville. The Dodgeland School District is strongly committed to providing every student the opportunity to participate in our school-based programs and supporting families with transportation home from school with our late bus.



Contact Athletic Director Marcia K. Modaff if you have any questions at modaff@dodgeland.k12.wi.us.