



Joplin Schools
Winter Athletics Plan
(Updated 10/19/20)

Screening

- All students will be temperature screened using no touch thermometers by school personnel at the beginning of class each day.
- Students-athletes who were screened by school personnel in the morning will not need to be rescreened prior to the beginning of practice/competition that day.
 - **Any student-athlete who experiences changes in their health should alert school personnel immediately.**
- JHS students on the A-B schedule who were not at school (“off day” students), will be temperature screened daily using touchless thermometers by athletic staff, prior to practice/competition.
 - “Off day” JHS students should report to a specific area of Kaminsky gym, prior to practice/competition, as directed by the head coach for their temperature screening.
 - “Off Day” girls swimmers should report to their practice facility to be temperature screened as directed by the head coach.
 - Student-athletes must pass a temperature screening prior to entering the locker room.
 - Once a student-athlete passes their temperature screen they may proceed to the locker room and then to practice.
- Student-athletes who are involved in a practice or competition prior to the beginning of the school day, or on a weekend, will be temperature screened as directed by the coaching staff.
- Student-athletes who display a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent to a designated area indoors. After 5 minutes, their temperature will be checked again. If the student then displays a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, the student will be excluded from practice.
 - Students who have been excluded from practice due to displaying symptoms will not be allowed to return to school or school events until all conditions for return set forth by the district have been met.
 - In the case that a student-athlete is excluded from practice, athletic staff will contact a parent/guardian.

Social Distancing

- Student-athletes will be expected to socially distance while not involved in a contact type drill.
- The athletics department will take certain steps to promote social distancing whenever possible such as:
 - Limiting the number of students in a locker room, as well as the amount of time spent in a locker room (no more than 15 minutes).
 - Spreading out bench/sideline areas during competitions/scrimmages

- Limiting the number of student-athletes suited up for a particular contest.
- Limiting contact type drills and length of practice as much as possible
- Limiting/modifying team meetings, team meals, and other gatherings

Face Coverings

- The [Joplin Athletics Face Covering Policy](#), in addition to school specific face covering policies, will remain in effect as we begin Winter practices on Monday, November 2.

Transportation

- Joplin Schools will continue to offer student-transportation to various athletic events including:
 - Daily middle school athletic shuttles (when school is in session)
 - Away competitions
 - Other events as needed
- Joplin Schools Transportation Department [policies](#) will remain in effect on all athletic trips.
- Additional busses may be added for athletic trips as needed.

Exclusion/Return to Play Procedures

- Student/Staff Test Positive for COVID-19
 - Joplin Athletics will follow the [MSHSAA Flowchart for COVID-19 Infection](#) and district policies in the case of an individual testing positive for COVID-19.
 - **Student-Athletes must have a completed [MSHSAA COVID-19 Return to Play Form](#) and a release from a local health department prior to returning to school, practice, or competition.**
- Student/Staff Have Contact (According to CDC Guidelines) With a Known COVID-19 Positive
 - Must quarantine/isolate as directed by local health department
 - It is recommended that students/staff that have been exposed to a known positive contact their medical provider for further recommendations.
 - With a release from the local health department, students/staff may return to school and practice.
 - Student-athletes may return to competition as deemed appropriate by the head coach.
- Student/Staff Show Symptoms of COVID-19 But Did Not Receive a Test
 - Students/staff who show any symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately self isolate and contact their health care provider.
 - Students and staff who are sent home with a temperature must be fever free for 24 hours **without the use of fever reducing medications** before returning to school, practice or competition.
 - Students and staff should always follow the guidance of the local health department and their medical providers. If students and staff have the following symptoms they may return to school after symptoms improve unless directed otherwise by the health department or their medical provider:
 - Sore throat
 - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for

- students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Hydration

- Communal water stations (water horse, water boys, ect) and drinking fountains will not be available.
- **Student-athletes are required to bring their own water jug to each practice/competition.**
- Athletic staff will provide ice water jugs for the purpose of refilling personal water containers at each practice/competition.
- **We recommend oversized water bottles or water jugs to eliminate the need for refilling as much as possible.**

MSHSAA Regulations/Virtual Students Participation in Athletics

- All MSHSAA regulations will continue to be in place for the Fall and Spring semester.
- Joplin Schools will continue to require all students wishing to participate in school sponsored athletics to be enrolled in and regularly attending at least 2 standard seat time classes.

Roster Size/Travel Rosters

- In order to eliminate exposure and allow for social distancing, roster size (the number of student-athletes suited up) for home and away events may be reduced.

Fans and Spectators

- Joplin Schools will follow all local regulations regarding mass gatherings at athletic events.
- More information regarding fans and spectators attending athletic events will be released as we get closer to beginning competitions.