

Good afternoon Westbrook Public Schools Families,

This note is to provide updates on the status of sports programming at our schools. At this time the concept of public school sports in Connecticut is on hold until further guidance is provided to us by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC). At this time we encourage our high school student athletes to work virtually with their coaches via their team Google Classroom, to register for their Fall Sport via Power School if they have yet to do so, so that they are prepared if the opportunity to play presents itself.

Below please find information via a letter early this afternoon to athletic directors on our next steps. Per this update please note that CIAC has extended the August 24th revisit date to:

*****The CIAC will delay the first date for all fall sports to Saturday, August 29, 2020.*****

CIAC High School Athletics Update – Friday, August 21st:

The CIAC Board of Control met this morning to review last night's discussion with the DPH and establish a timeline for decisions on the start of fall sports. The CIAC has requested that the DPH consider allowing our member schools to resume the non-contact conditioning workouts which they have been conducting since July 6, 2020 as early as Monday. Additionally, the CIAC understands that, at today's ReOpen CT Rules Committee meeting, consideration will be given to the inconsistent guidance issued for CIAC interscholastic athletics versus non-CIAC youth sport opportunities. The CIAC and the DPH will continue our collaborative work once an update from those discussions is available, either later today or over the weekend.

For our member schools' planning purposes, the CIAC Board of Control has established the following timeline:

- The CIAC Board of Control will meet again at 7:00PM Sunday.
- The CIAC Board of Control will submit modified fall sport plan options to the DPH for consideration, which it has indicated it would welcome for review.
- The CIAC will delay the first date for all fall sports to Saturday, August 29, 2020.

This timeline will allow the DPH adequate time to consider CIAC's revised fall sports plans, which it will submit early next week, and athletic directors the time necessary to begin a sports season. The CIAC will update member schools on the return to conditioning workouts as soon as more information becomes available.

Article: [GameTimeCT article on Fall Sports 8-21-2020](#)

WMS Interscholastic Sports and Intramurals:

At this time, all after school activities, including athletics, are on hold at the middle school. This hold will allow the middle school to evaluate the effectiveness of the strict cohorting model

before beginning any expansion. We will revisit the possibility of after school activities, including sports, the week of September 21st.

In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns related to athletics please do not hesitate to contact me via email at tcosgriff@westbrookctschoools.org or the office at (860) 399 – 6214.

Please know many people are advocating for our student-athletes at all levels for a safe and healthy return to sports when and where appropriate.

Enjoy your weekend!

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