

CCCAA COVID-19 Working Group – Recommendations for Athletics in the 2020-21 Academic Year

Athletics are a vital part of each institution and the CCCAA COVID-19 Working Group (WG) is working to reinforce that foundation as much as possible with what is being presented.

The following framework was created by the WG to provide guidance to the organization and its member institutions as we transition out of a shelter-in-place environment for the Fall 2020 semester/quarter. While this guidance is not perfect, it should nonetheless provide opportunity for student-athletes to experience the many benefits of being part of intercollegiate athletics. With that thought in mind, it is important to note that one of the primary guiding themes of this effort has been to ensure we field teams for the Fall term regardless of if we are ultimately able to compete. The worst case would be that we all have teams full of young men and women that still need our guidance athletically, academically, and socially and fielding teams provides them with the motivation and structure to enroll and excel in higher education. Our collective objective must be about more than competition. In accordance with our system's Vision for Success and most of our missions, it must be about student success, retention, and equity!

Guiding Principles

1. Health, Safety and Mitigation

The health and safety of all CCCAA student-athletes, coaching staffs, fans, and everyone involved, as well as assisting in the mitigation of the spread of the disease, are paramount in all recommendations made by the WG.

2. Student Opportunity

As aligned with the mission of California's community colleges, the WG strives to preserve the opportunities for our student-athletes to transfer and continue to improve their social and economic mobility.

3. Budget and Financial Consideration

Given the Governor's May revised budget, the WG recognizes the fact that each individual district and/or institution is facing budget pressure for the upcoming fiscal year.

4. Equity

By preserving athletics, we are preserving the opportunity for student-athletes (*in which nearly 80% are in a disproportionately impacted group*) to close the achievement gap statewide.

5. Elements of Uncertainty

Athletics are a vital part of each institution and this plan, as well as the work group, will continue to utilize information to adapt and be as flexible as possible within our system.

Due to the numerous differences with state and individual county requirements, the WG understands that the plan needs to be flexible and will be revisited as needed.

6. **Informed Decision-Making**

State of California Guidelines; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); California Community College Athletic Training Association (CCCATA); CEO survey; sport coaches association surveys; input from Management Council; California Community College Athletic Directors Association (CCCADA) White Paper; higher education athletic associations; Chief Student Services Administrators (CSSO); Chief Instructional Officers (CCCCIO); membership feedback via email; phone calls and Zoom chat.

The WG will reconvene, analyze the situation, and recommend which plan to move forward to the Executive Board or the Board as a whole. The final determination and announcement will be on July 17.

The decision will be informed by the State of California and its stay-at-home order and any social distancing requirements that may still be in place, once the order is lifted. This is currently scheduled for Stage 4.

The Conventional Plan is in place from date of adoption until July 17, 2021. If on July 17, it is still unsafe to execute athletics within the Conventional Plan framework, we then move to either the Contact/Non-Contact Plan or the Contingency Plan, based on where the state is in its reopening plan.

Plan B will be executed if the state is in Stage 4. Plan C will be executed if the state is in Stage 3. Plan D will be executed if the state is in Stage 2.

Compromises

- Each district and/or institution will have a local athletic training plan that follows all guidelines set forth by the Governor of California, the State Chancellor's office, local county and city guidelines, as well as local district and/or institutional decisions on following all governing bodies' edicts on COVID-19. Please find the California Community College Athletic Training Association (CCCATA) plan found [here](#)
- All Fall sports or seasons executed in the Fall will finish prior to Thanksgiving. Start and end dates for Spring sports or seasons executed in the spring have been altered as stated. The modifications to the seasons are to avoid competition being played during the peak flu season and projected window of coronavirus reoccurrence.
- The Conventional Plan (Formerly Plan B) reduces the competitive season to 75% of the maximum allowed per sport. The Contact/Non-Contact (formerly Plan C) and Contingency Plan (formerly Plan D) reduces the competitive season to 70%. Both plans provide for a modified regional championship to be conducted in one week for qualifying teams.
- The modified regional championships will be executed over the course of one week. Additional details to follow, if approved.
- All plans offer student-athletes an ample opportunity for a competitive season and a chance to transfer to a four-year institution.
- All competitions will fall within the district and/or institution's guidelines as it relates to travel, type of events permitted to host or attend, and similar issues not stated.
- Non-Traditional Seasons (NTS), showcases and practices outside of regularly scheduled classes (or the competitive season as indicated in the plans) are prohibited from adoption through June 30, 2021.
- Double-duals (and similar formats), meets and tournaments are permitted provided county, district and/or institutional protocols are strictly followed for such events.

- Sports will alter rules/protocols to fit social distancing and any other practices where necessary.
- It is recommended that only essential personnel are permitted for practices and competitions. According to the state's reopening plan, fans will not be allowed at competition sites until Stage 4. Once the state has lifted their restrictions, districts and/or institutions may make their own decisions as permitted by the county and their own policies, as they relate to others at their events.
- Competition would allow for contests to be filmed for recruiting purposes.
- Eligibility relief previously recommended by the WG and approved by the CCCAA Board of Directors, remains intact even if the sport seasons change due to the pandemic.

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CONVENTIONAL (FORMER PLAN B - MODIFIED)

Fall Sports	Contact Level	Normal/COVID-19 Term of Competition	Practice Start Date	Competition Start Date	Conference Competition End Date	Regional PC Start Date	Season End Date	Maximum Number of Contest/Dates/Games Currently Permissible	75% of Season
Cross Country	Non-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	8 Contests	6
Football	Full-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/26/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	10 Contests + 1 scrim.	8 + 1 scrim.
Women's Golf	Non-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	19 Contests	14
Soccer	Full-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	22 Games	17
Women's Volleyball	Minimal	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	24 Dates	18
Water Polo	Full-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	18 Dates	14
Wrestling	Full-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	15 Dates	11
Spring Sports									
Badminton	Minimal	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	19 Dates	14
Baseball	Minimal	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	40 Games + 2 scrim.	30 + 2 scrim.
Basketball	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	28 Contests + 2 scrim.*	21 + 2 scrim.*
Beach Volleyball	Minimal	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	12 Dates	9
Men's Golf	Non-contact	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	19 Contests	14
Softball	Minimal	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	40 Games + 2 scrim.	30 + 2 scrim.
Swim & Dive	Non-contact	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	11 Meets	8
Tennis	Minimal	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	26 Dates	20
Track & Field	Non-contact	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	13 Contests	10
Men's Volleyball	Minimal	Spring/Spring	2/15/21	3/1/21	5/11/21	5/15/21	5/22/21	21 Dates	16

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CONTACT/NON-CONTACT (FORMER PLAN C - MODIFIED)

Fall Sports	Contact Level	Normal/COVID-19 Term of Competition	Practice Start Date	Competition Start Date	Conference Competition End Date	Regional PC Start Date	Season End Date	Maximum Number of Contest/Dates/Games Currently Permissible	70% of Season
Cross Country	Non-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	8 Contests	6
Women's Golf	Non-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	19 Contests	13
Swim & Dive	Non-contact	Spring/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	11 Meets	8
Women's Volleyball**	Minimal	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	24 Dates	17
Spring Sports									
Basketball	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	1/18/21	2/13/21	4/6/21	4/10/21	4/17/21	28 Contests + 2 scrim.*	20 + 2 scrim.*
Football	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	1/18/21	2/13/21	4/6/21	4/10/21	4/17/21	10 Contests + 1 Scrim.	7 + 1 scrim.
Soccer	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	1/18/21	2/13/21	4/6/21	4/10/21	4/17/21	22 Games	15
Water Polo	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	1/18/21	2/13/21	4/6/21	4/10/21	4/17/21	18 Dates	13
Wrestling	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	1/18/21	2/13/21	4/6/21	4/10/21	4/17/21	15 Dates	11
Badminton	Minimal	Spring/Spring	3/27/21	4/10/21	6/12/21	6/16/21	6/23/21	19 Dates	13
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Softball	Minimal	Spring/Spring	3/27/21	4/10/21	6/12/21	6/16/21	6/23/21	40 Games + 2 scrim.	28 + 2 scrim.
Tennis	Minimal	Spring/Spring	3/27/21	4/10/21	6/12/21	6/16/21	6/23/21	26 Dates	18
Track & Field	Non-contact	Spring/Spring	3/27/21	4/10/21	6/12/21	6/16/21	6/23/21	13 Contests	9
Men's Volleyball	Minimal	Spring/Spring	3/27/21	4/10/21	6/12/21	6/16/21	6/23/21	21 Dates	15

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** If it is determined that it is unsafe for women's volleyball to compete, the sport will move to the spring with a January 18 start date.

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CONTINGENCY (FORMER PLAN D - MODIFIED)

Fall Sports	Contact Level	Normal/COVID-19 Term of Competition	Practice Start Date	Competition Start Date	Conference Competition End Date	Regional PC Start Date	Season End Date	Maximum Number of Contest/Dates/Games Currently Permissible	70% of Season
Cross Country	Non-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	8 Contests	6
Women's Golf	Non-contact	Fall/Fall	8/31/20	9/11/20	11/14/20	11/18/20	11/25/20	19 Contests	13
Spring Sports									
Basketball	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	1/18/21	2/5/21	4/6/21	4/10/21	4/17/21	28 Contests + 2 scrim.*	20 + 2 scrim.*
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Wrestling	Full-contact	Fall/Spring	1/18/21	2/5/21	4/6/21	4/10/21	4/17/21	15 Dates	11
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Baseball	Minimal	Spring/Spring	3/27/21	4/10/21	6/12/21	6/16/21	6/23/21	40 Games + 2 scrim.	28 + 2 scrim.
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