



2021-2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL SPORT PLAN

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PREAMBLE

School sport has countless physical, mental, and emotional health benefits. As much as any other group or individual, the MHSAA is excited to see school sport return. First and foremost, the safety of all involved with school sport is the priority of the MHSAA and directives from the Government of Manitoba take precedence over any decision made at the MHSAA, school division or school level.

In accordance with the Government of Manitoba's Public Health Orders, the MHSAA's Return to School Sport plan permits school sport to return.

It should be emphasised that this plan is current and fluid. The MHSAA will continue to re-evaluate and adapt as new information and guidelines become available, with the best interest of our student-athletes always in mind.

RETURN TO SCHOOL SPORT APPROVAL

It is vital that before any Return to School Sport occurs, that you consult and obtain approval from your school division's administration, or school administration for independent schools. Further, each school's administration will be responsible to determine how Return to School Sport will be implemented in their building, ensuring all current Provincial Public Health Orders are followed and each sport specific Return to Play Protocol is being adhered to.

EXHIBITION & LEAGUE PLAY

The MHSAA permits exhibition and league play provided that the Zone receives approval from their respective school division(s), or school(s) administration for independent schools. All current Provincial Public Health Orders must be followed and the sport specific Return to Play Protocol must be adhered to. No out-of-province teams are permitted to participate.

TOURNAMENTS

Hosting and participating in tournaments within Manitoba may proceed. The MHSAA is accepting sanctioning requests for tournaments in all sports.

All teams participating must have received approval from their respective school division(s), or school(s) administration for independent schools. All current Provincial Public Health Orders must be followed and the sport specific Return to Play Protocol must be adhered to. No out-of-province teams are permitted to participate.

As per [Manitoba Education's Restoring Safe Schools 2021-2022 Plan](#), **overnight trips remain prohibited**. This is subject to change. Any change will follow Public Health Recommendations and Orders at the time.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial Championships will take place, if possible. Additional information to come.

All teams participating must have received approval from their respective school division(s), or school(s) administration for independent schools. All current Provincial Public Health Orders will be followed and the sport specific Return to Play Protocol will be adhered to.

SPECTATORS

As per current Provincial Public Health Orders:

Outdoor facilities: the number of spectators at an outdoor sporting or recreational facility must not exceed 50% of the usual spectator capacity of the facility.

Indoor facilities: (a) restrict the number of spectators at the facility to 50% of the usual spectator capacity of the facility; and (b) implement measures to ensure that members of the public who are not engaged in sporting or recreational activities are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other members of the public while at the facility.

NOTE: It is the full responsibility of the 'home' or host school to ensure the Provincial Public Health Orders regarding spectators are adhered to.

INTERPROVINCIAL TRAVEL AND TOURNAMENTS

MHSAA member schools will not be sanctioned to travel out-of-province or attend out-of-province tournaments at this time and until further notice.

PROVINCIAL SPORT ORGANIZATION (PSO) RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS

Sport specific guidelines for each of the MHSAA's sports is available below. These links provide access to approved PSO Return to Play Protocols.

Football Manitoba: <http://footballmanitoba.com/>

Golf Manitoba: <http://golfmb.ca/>

Manitoba Soccer Association: <http://manitobasoccer.ca/>

Athletics Manitoba (Cross Country and Track & Field): <http://athleticsmanitoba.com/>

Volleyball Manitoba: <https://volleyballmanitoba.ca/>

Hockey Manitoba: <http://www.hockeymanitoba.ca/>

Basketball Manitoba: <https://www.basketballmanitoba.ca/>

Curl Manitoba: <https://curlmanitoba.org/>

Manitoba Badminton Association: <https://www.badminton.mb.ca/page/37761/COVID19-Return-to-Play>

Baseball Manitoba: <http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/>

Softball Manitoba: <http://www.softball.mb.ca/>

Manitoba Organization of Disc Sports (Ultimate): <https://mods.mb.ca/>

Manitoba Lacrosse Association: <https://manitobalacrosse.com/>

Rugby Manitoba: <https://rugbymb.ca/>

The MHSAA remains committed to protecting the health and safety of our student-athletes, staff, coaches, member-schools, and the health of all our fellow Manitobans.