

FAQ – Coronavirus Response

WIAA Track & Field



QUESTION

Is there going to be a Track and Field Season?
When will the WIAA call it if there isn't going to be a spring season?

ANSWER

It is premature to try to make any absolute statements. If there is a way to safely offer a spring season opportunity – within reason (understanding that there are differing interests and points of view of what's reasonable) we hope to find a way.

While some states and other sports entities have already declared spring sports to be canceled, it has not been part of any WIAA announcements to this point, and is not the WIAA's first choice.

We will not close the door unless we have to. That's not to say it can't or won't be taken off the table.

The responses to COVID-19 seem to change hourly. While we are hoping mightily to see some kind of a spring sport season – we will first and foremost do our best to take care of kids and their loved ones and will be good citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

QUESTION

For 2020, what will the minimum number of meets be for State Tournament eligibility?

ANSWER

The WIAA Tournament Procedures states:
"A school must participate in a minimum of four meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition."

- The WIAA Tournament Series does not count toward your total of 4 required meets.
- Inter-squad meets do not count toward your total of 4 required meets

This rule will still apply.

QUESTION

For 2020 what will the minimum number of practices be before the first competition may be conducted?

ANSWER

Track and Field requires seven different days of practice before a competition. However, if you began track practice before the school closing, then an additional 5 (different) days of practices would be required once school is back in session, before competition is allowed.

There will be no adjustment to these requirements, as this is a Medical Advisory "best practice".

QUESTION	ANSWER
Will scheduled meets be counted toward the 4-meet minimum, even if they are not played?	No. In order to be qualified for tournament competition, a team must have competed in a minimum of 4 meets.
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Would the WIAA be willing to open Sundays in May for meets, to help with rescheduling?	The WIAA does not restrict competitions on Sundays. This is a local decision and should be discussed with your school administration.
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With limited meets during the Spring season, could my team participate in meets AFTER we are ELIMINATED from the State Tournament Series?	<p>No meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be re-scheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved in the re-scheduled event have begun WIAA Tournament Series competition.</p> <p>In short, you may re-schedule any meets that you have on your schedule, currently, that do not get conducted. You can re-schedule them for after you are eliminated in the State Tournament Series. No meet shall be conducted after Championship Saturday (June 6, 2020).</p>
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May we coach our teams even though school is not in session?	<p>No.</p> <p>There will be no WIAA athletics at any member school from Wednesday, March 18, 2020, until further notice.</p> <p>This includes all participation including, but not limited to training, practices, scrimmages, and contests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and/or coaches may not bring students together during this time period for extracurricular or athletic purposes such as practices or other instructional/organizational purposes. • Schools and/or coaches may not be involved with students during their time period to provide instruction for practice purposes.
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May we send out training sessions to athletes?	Coaches may provide individual workouts virtually, but shall not encourage or organize their team assembling to practice.
QUESTION	ANSWER
Can athletes participate in non-school track meets, if opportunities presented themselves, during the time when high schools are closed?	Because Track and Field season has already begun, prior to the closing of schools, your athletes are allowed to practice with a non-high school team, but only allowed TWO non-school competitions with prior school approval during the regular season.