



TO: NCISAA Member Schools

FROM: Homar Ramirez, Executive Director

DATE: July 20, 2020

SUBJECT: NCISAA Fall Update

The NCISAA's current plan is that member schools will begin the 2020-21 school year playing Fall sports. Please note that the following dates and plans are subject to change.

The return-to-play plan this Fall will begin with low and moderate risk sports. Low risk sports are cross country, girls golf and tennis. Moderate risk sports are field hockey, soccer and volleyball.

The timeline is:

1. July 27 – member schools begin the Fall season under Stage I or Stage II of the NCISAA Summer Guidelines
2. August 10 – member schools are eligible to move into full practice mode
3. August 24 – member schools are eligible to scrimmage
4. August 31 – member schools are eligible to begin contests

Football is the only high-risk sport in the Fall. Football games are postponed until at least September 4. The State Office will meet with football-only schools the week of July 27 to discuss alternative plans as it relates to practice and game dates.

Each member school may choose to start on the aforementioned dates or at a later time. These dates and plans are contingent on North Carolina progressing into Phase III. If the Governor elects to keep us in Phase II, NCISAA member schools are to remain in Stage I or Stage II of our Summer Guidelines. The Summer Guidelines can be found on our website at [NCISAA.org](https://www.ncisaa.org).

The NCISAA Staff and Board of Advisors are building COVID-related policies for all Fall sports and will make those requirements and recommendations available to member schools by August 3. It is imperative that we all continue to develop contingency plans as we prepare for potential interruptions due to the spread of COVID-19.

Our commitment is to a safe return to sports and our hope is that we can make it happen this Fall.