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DATE: February 18, 2021
TO: High School Students and Families
FROM: Jeff Lowell, District Athletics and Activities Director
RE: Weekly high school athletics update

Season 1 sports are scheduled to begin on February 24 for football and on March 1 for cross country, boys golf, boys tennis, girls swim and dive, and volleyball. The district is expecting ALL families and staff to follow the governor's guidance on a 14-day quarantine, with or without a COVID test, if they have travelled out of the state during the mid-winter break.

Season 1 Schedules and Spectators

Each team's **Season 1** schedule will be posted on the school athletics page by choosing a link here:

- [Bellevue Wolverines](#)
- [Interlake Saints](#)
- [Newport Knights](#)
- [Sammamish Totems](#)

KingCo Conference schools are currently transitioning to a new athletic scheduling platform and it is our hope to have the **Season 2** and **Season 3** schedules posted on each school's VNN hosted site.

We have installed Pixellot streaming cameras in each school's gym and stadium. The streaming platform is part of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS). We are also seeking streaming options for those programs that compete in venues other than the school's gym or stadium. Our schools intend to have games scheduled for these venues to be available for viewing at no cost. Please keep checking for more detailed information in the coming weeks.

Spectators

We are asking parents/guardians and all other interested individuals to read our [plan for spectators](#). We will follow strict mandates that limit the number of individuals at our facilities when offering a competition. Without everyone's cooperation and adherence to this plan, it will be difficult to provide a safe experience for participants.

Transportation

We are committed to transportation plans that balance participant safety and community need, including:

- Limited exposure for participants to those outside their household unit.
- That all members of the travel groups (defined as groups that include more than one household in the same vehicle), including a driver, wear a face covering and spread out as much as possible within the vehicle.
- Maximum ventilation in a vehicle by opening windows.

The detailed plans will be posted on the [Athletics and Activities Department Page](#) later this week or early next week.

Academic Eligibility

The [February 4, 2021 update](#) explained that Athletic Directors will be running an eligibility report on Monday, February 22. Any interested participant will need to be passing 6 or more classes at that time or be declared ineligible for

competitions. Athletic Directors will communicate during the last week of February with ineligible student athletes to develop and support a plan to meet eligibility requirements. If you have questions about your student's current academic standing, **please contact your school's Athletic Director.**

Try-Outs

During the three scheduled high school seasons, schools will make every effort to find a place for all registered participants. If a student is interested in participating, we want to find a way to keep participants involved and active. For some programs, there are exceptions where the safety of the participants may be an issue. Limits imposed by golf courses will guide roster sizes for those programs and safety considerations may necessitate exceptions for certain programs.

Continued Updates

We will provide another update next week. Once the high school seasons begin, further updates will be included in the BSD News and Events newsletter that is distributed by the district.

We are all excited to see athletes return to seasonal participation in the coming weeks.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Athletics and Activities Department by email (lowellj@bsd405.org or arnonea@bsd405.org), phone (425-456-4010 or 425-456-4050) or [Let's Talk](#).

In partnership,



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<https://bsd405.org/departments/athletics-activities/>

- [Friday January 29, 2021](#) (General update about KingCo Conference athletics)
- [Thursday February 4, 2021: Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#) (Registration, February Conditioning, Academic Eligibility)
- [Thursday February 11, 2021: Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#) (Waived Fees, KingCo scheduling, Non-WIAA season dates)