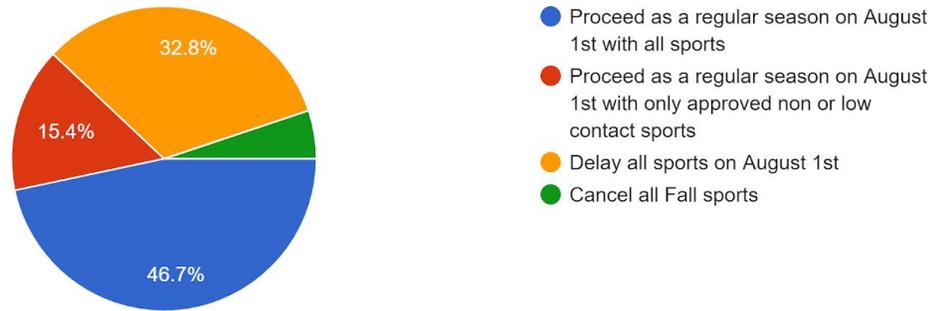


Fall 2020 Survey Results

Based on information available today (7/21/20), I am most in favor of the following option regarding the fall sports season:

195 responses



91 Proceed on with all sports Aug 1

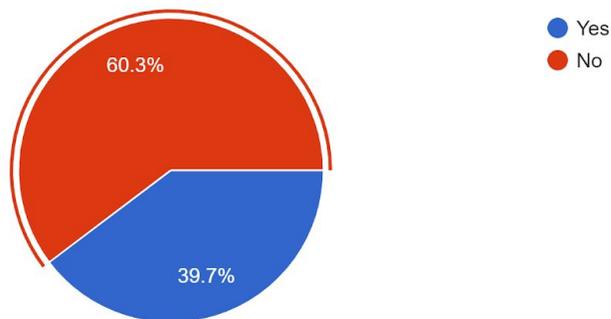
64 Delay all sports Aug 1

30 Proceed on Aug 1 with only low contact or non contact sports

10 Cancel Fall Sports

If it meant saving the fall season (and since we are playing baseball and softball now), would you be in favor of flipping the fall and spring season?

194 responses

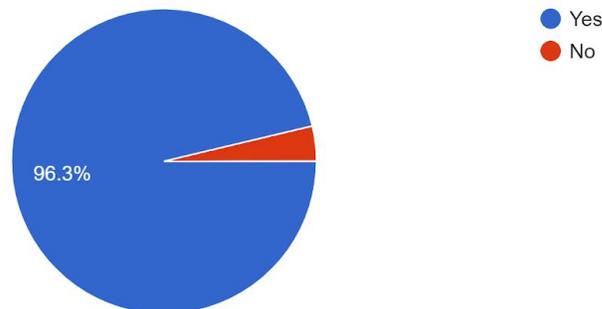


117 No

77 Yes

Are you planning on continuing with middle school sports?

188 responses



181 Yes

7 No

We have seen now several other state associations propose possible adjustments to their 2020-2021 sport seasons. Please share your thoughts on possible modifications if the O.H.S.A.A. fall season were to be delayed. This may include adjusting tournament schedules, contest management, adjusting winter and/or spring seasons, etc.

I like the states that are being proactive and planning the school year with pushing things back into late winter and early spring. We have a pretty good idea what the pandemic is going to look like the next 6 months and we should plan accordingly.

Start competition Sept 1 and after. Only replay league contests if were in August.

Removal of fall state championships to allow for the delayed start of the regular season and play as close to a full complement of regular season contests

Switching fall and spring with full seasons if necessary

shorten seasons to try and accommodate all of the seasons

I am very much in favor of a straight flip-flop of the fall and spring athletic seasons.

If we would need to delay the 2020 Fall season and at least get the league matches/games in for the 2020 Fall season and the state tournaments I would be ok with pushing back the start of the season in the CONTACT sports only. Keep moving forward with all other sports on 8/1

I would support a smaller amount of games in all seasons to have the sport seasons.

No adjustment to seasons (flipping) I'd be in favor of shortening- FB 9 weeks, VB 16-18 matches, soccer 12-14 matches.

I have looked at Michigan's plan for Interscholastic Sports and it is a good one in my opinion. It has contingency plans for all of the what if's and has options to move seasons if need be.

We should explore the idea of a statewide delay to fall sports, possibly beginning October 1 with games/contests. This would allow more time to adjust to protocols for the various school schedules and, hopefully, another flattening of the coronavirus curve. We could shorten each of the three seasons somewhat (a 7-game football season, for example), still have all post-season tournaments, and finish spring sports by early/mid June.

I like the New York model. Each season is condensed starting in January.

A modified/shortened season would be better than nothing at all. I would still like to include tournaments vs. eliminating them.

Push to a later start date and shorten season. New Jersey is starting Fall practices after labor day. Season will begin 10/1 and finish in mid November. No post season. This will allow us to monitor the situation and buys some time to see if it is brought under control. We could then cancel should the surge in cases and hospitalizations continue.

If modifications were done make sure that it would not negatively impact winter sports. For instance starting football a month later or in spring could negatively impact a boys basketball team at a smaller school who relies on a large amount of football players to play basketball.

I believe we should have the New York model in that we shorten all three seasons but at least all the seasons will be able to play competitions. I think if a school is in a league it should be shortened to only league play, no non-conference, regular season tournaments, invitationals etc...

I'm just happy other state associations are offering answers and alternatives. We've had poor guidance for the OHSAA and have been stuck waiting with little to no idea what will happen.

I would suggest making the fall and winter seasons shorter and extend the spring season.

I would be in favor of pushing back the start date of competition to Sept 1st. This would give us as districts, conferences, etc to come up with protocol for best practices. If we pushed by the competition date we would have to eliminate a few of the games in order to continue the post season dates as is. This may mean taking soccer from 16 games to 13 and football from 10 to 8 and so on, but I feel more time will give us more information. I also feel that we need to spend more time on coming up with these protocols to keep our kids safe rather than looking to cancel sports. We are in a battle and I don't feel that going backwards is the right thing to do. It is a shame that we are getting our opinions out there on July 21st, but I guess better late than never. We could adjust the winter

schedules as well by adding a few weeks to the start of competition date, but keeping the post season as is. Spring is a non-issue. Keep as is.

All fall sports might be able to happen other than football in the current environment. Even cross country, we would just have to limit the entries in races and/or add more races to spread kids out (the technology is there to do it). Seating for soccer at most stadiums would be fine for spectators, some places may need to limit seating capacity. Volleyball indoors will certainly need to limit spectators.

Specific to football: an outside the box idea....if postponed in fall, could football stand alone be moved to a season all its own spanning the end of winter and beginning of spring? The basketball player/wrestler/etc (with local admin/coach management) could play the end of their winter season and start football preseason at the same time OR leave the winter team early if the season is a non-successful one (losing season....then giving back-ups opportunity to play at end of season) AND then at the opposite end also leave football early to join lacrosse/baseball/etc for alike situations transitioning from football to spring sports.

That then gives the kids the opportunity to play all the sports they typically would AND helps the numbers game at smaller schools. More to manage on our end but a one time thing.

Love the concept of NY and CA's plan. Propose all three season dates ahead of time so that there is time to plan and onboard realistically with what is occurring during the school day.

No point to delay - nothing changes in 2 weeks or 4 weeks.

Start contact sports after Labor Day

Similar to that of NY and NJ;

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.nj.com/highschoolsports/2020/07/njsiaa-pushes-back-start-of-hs-fall-sports-announces-plan-for-shortened-postseason.html%3foutputType=amp>

In favor of adjusting schedules to keep our students involved.

As a parent of a senior student and an athletic administrator, I am all for finding a way to see our students compete. A shortened season regardless of the sport would create an experience/memories for the student. I am not concerned about winning championships or any post season awards just having an opportunity to see our students play.

I think we need to play early a reduced schedule and have a reduced post season. We owe it to the kids to play.

Do the best to play fall sports this fall even if this includes shortening regular seasons and post seasons.

Do what is best so everyone can play and have some form of a season.

Modifications and changes may be necessary, but as long as the regulations and protocols are fair and clear we can deal with the changes. All schools need to follow very similar guidelines when it comes to practices and play.

Only play league schedules and create exposure events within each school for collegiate opportunities.

The OHSAA wasted 4 months of planning to come down to 10 days before August 1 and now looking for ideas?!?! They were too busy arguing with the governor's office and twitter trolls. The OHSAA should be embarrassed. They are not serving their member schools.

Postpone fall sports to the February, as follows:

Start all winter sport practices mid-Nov. No scrimmages. Winter regular season Dec-Jan. Winter postseason Feb.

Start all fall sport practices beginning of February. No scrimmages. Regular season start 3rd week of February through April. Fall postseason in May.

Start all spring sport practices beginning of May. No scrimmages. Regular season mid-May through June. Spring postseason in July.

Reimplement 10-day contact period for all sports for Summer 2021.

2021 fall sport season starts back up 08/01/20.

If we need to push back the start time, I am okay with this. I am not in favor of switching spring to fall. If by chance we need to cancel fall, in no way can we have Spring playing in the fall and lose 2 seasons. If anything if we have to cancel fall, we figure out a way to make adjustments to have those sports at a different time.

I think that schedules can be modified and seasons can be adjusted to ensure that all of the athletes can compete. I do not see this as an issue just for the fall but going forward this year.

Don't change a thing. Follow recommendation of OHSAA and Governor and let's move forward.

OHSAA will be making a statement soon, I am sure. Governor could pull the plug at any time.

If fall contact sports were moved to the spring, I would be in favor of lessening the number of competitions permitted to allow for a shorter season for turn around time going into fall of 2021.

Also, spring sports could start in mid to late May and run through the middle of July.

Keep all current formats the same..except reduce the number of teams in FB playoffs to shorten playoffs round by 2...allowing more regular season games if season is pushed back.

Shorter seasons, adjusted tournament schedules

I am in favor of starting all fall sports on August 1st. However, if it meant the difference between having a season and not having a season, I would be in favor of possibly delaying the season to get it in by January 1st.

Proceed as normal.

Uniform rules for all schools in all counties. Limit competition roster sizes for all sports. Specific guidance for concessions. Guidance for standing room only or facilities that don't have permanent bleachers. Reclassify CC as non-contact.

I am advocating for a plan of reducing the length of all seasons accordingly after a delay. That may mean no state tournament. We will accept that.

A delay buys us time; Time may save the all seasons. Moving forward as "normal" could cost us without ever having the chance to adjust from a unified front. Wooster will openly support ANY organized plan that is offered. We recognize that hard decisions must be made and that they offer no guarantees to save the seasons. However, no organized plan to adjust and do things differently only guarantees that we will not be united and we will lose seasons one school at a time.

Priority needs to be placed on making sure football and basketball can be played with crowds.

Without the ticket gate money, it will lead to a lot of cuts that will impact the whole community.

Fall sports could play only conference opponents. Same with winter if we are still in a state of crisis.

Spring sports need to be pushed back to a later start anyway with all of the cancellations due to weather.

Consider holding league games only.

Delay contact sports to after Labor Day and then pay just the league schedule.

Start events after Labor Day. Scrimmages not necessary.

Allow football to be played into December. Start basketball in January. Reduce # of games to 8 games for football and 16 for basketball.

Winter Jan 1 to March 6, Fall March 8 to May 8, Spring May 10 to June 19

I think fall contact sports should be moved to the spring. Winter sports start Nov. 1st regular season ending Jan 30 with tournaments played in feb. Fall sports in the spring start March 1st. All spring sports played in the fall

We are open to whatever needs to be done to have all 3 seasons in some kind of safe form.

Delay and contract seasons to possibly include playoffs if at all feasible with respect to all health issues.

I could see no scrimmages for the fall sports

I would like to see the state kick the rock down the road and delay the start of the fall season. We still have so much to work through.

I would be in favor of adjusting all seasons if it meant getting all three in.

I believe you could postpone for about 1 month, but after that you are going to have issues getting in your tennis and golf state championships.

Front load schedules with league games. This way you get as many league games in that you can.

Fall sports could be delayed 2 weeks. Football playoffs could have 4 teams from each region instead of 8 to shorten the playoffs and still be done on time. For tennis, golf and cross country, cut out Districts/Regionals depending on the sports and adjust who qualifies for the state tournament/meet by sectionals/districts. Volleyball is used to playing back to back days and even more than one match per day, their tournament could be shortened by less days off between matches. Soccer plays ever other day during the season, their tournament could also be shortened by less days off between matches.

Contest management worries me. If we get some guidelines, I will feel more confident on how to manage contests.

My first choice is to delay fall sports season and unless we can find a way to safely start fall sports after the delay, cancel all fall sports.

Any modifications to fall schedules would mean condensing every sports season. I think it is far more complicated to alter these event schedules if adjustments are made we would only be able to play conference games only.

As a small school it would not be good for us to have to stack 2 seasons on top of each other, we would have to cancel sports.

I think all schedules should be adjusted. We should postpone the season to see what things look like with schools starting up (would only assume that number would potentially increase once all of the kids are back together since that was the reasoning for closing back in March) and make a more informed decision on how we move forward. If we decide that a season can safely happen and numbers are too risky, I think seasons should be condensed to conference only games (to minimize exposure of risk) and adjust tournaments accordingly.

Just play leagues games

I believe if fall sports are going to be played then they need to be played and completed by Thanksgiving. I don't think it's fair to spring sports' student-athletes to risk them losing a second spring season by flip-flopping the seasons. It's way too late in the summer to flip-flop the seasons at this point. There is not enough time to prepare, schedule, find coaches, etc.

Play 3 eight week seasons. 2 weeks for practice, 6 weeks for games. Playoffs start the following week.

Eliminate scrimmages in August

Begin the regular season for contact sports after labor day

Go to a "Conference Only" regular season

Permit full attendance at events - it's a choice if they want to come, don't limit attendance at events possibly just play a conference schedule.

Limit season to 7 games with post season.

Cancel jr high fall sports

Shorten high school seasons with a delayed start

I like the option of postponing all sports until after January 1st and condensing seasons in order to gives all seasons and all sports the best chance at occurring.

Shorten the preseason, eliminate a scrimmage

A condensed league schedule only with state tournaments being in tact

Begin season after Sept 15th

I would think we would adjust our sport season regular season contests. Maybe conference only?

Keep the Postseason plans as they currently exist.

A modified schedule could mean only playing league competitions. (Downside: Student-athletes from smaller leagues would not get to participate in as many events.)

Back up the start of contests with the exception of golf until after Labor Day. Push back as far as you can for football to have an 8 game season (conferences decide schedule) and similar season shortening for VB, Soccer, etc. I'd propose eliminating the first round of playoffs for FB (fewer teams get in) to still end with State Finals in first weekend of December at latest. If need to shorten other tournaments (ie have VB finals end the week before girls BB starts).

I believe fall sports should be moved to the spring. It is too dangerous right now. If we take the chance and someone test positive it will affect other teams and schools for the season. Stopping and starting doesn't make since. Increased injuries will occur. It takes one death from Covid-19 to have psychological affects on everyone. We have to make sure not only are we safe, but the people and families around us are safe. There are schools who are going remote only. If schools are not open physically why would sports be?

If fall has to be limited, I would prefer shortening the season and allowing all football teams in playoffs without changing fall tournament dates.

I do not see a viable path to have sports now and remain consistent with what we are doing to keep kids and adults safe in schools. Several Ohio schools have announced that they will start remotely. A delay would at least allow us to see if the data trends in the right direction. A shortened season is feasible, certainly better than outbreaks and community spread.

Delaying season is very problematic unless the only other option is to cancel! Delaying and then moving to the spring is not ideal!

I feel we need to look at shortening the seasons so we can get in something for everyone if we delay all fall sports. We could have three seasons in the spring semester if it is possible to play at that point. Start with winter sports, then go with fall sports, and finish up with spring sports. If we just delay contact sports those could be moved back later in the year so they could be played.

If delay is necessary, I would prefer to see a shortened, regular season rather than the elimination of tournament play. If necessary, limiting spectator numbers and providing needed social distancing and mask wearing of spectators, officials, and non-playing rosters would be acceptable rather than the entire elimination of a season.

Modifications of the beginning and ending dates of the fall season is also more desirable than the entire elimination of a season.

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If we delay we won't have a season. Flu season starts in September and that will shut Ohio down.

Maybe start up after schools come back from Labor Day, hoping that the delay in time allows for the virus numbers in the state to go down (at least I am praying for that to happen).

Later start date

Adjusting seasons, seems like a logistical nightmare.

We need to know this week in order to plan properly whatever the case may be in order to have a safe and responsible start.

Possibly delay a start to the fall sports season, and adjust schedules accordingly

If you delay the fall. We should leave dates and time frame the same. Do not extend anything!!

Delay the Fall Sports Season at worst.

I would NOT be in favor of adjusting the current Ohsaa post season schedules. Keep current tournament dates. If the start of the fall season is delayed then just shorten the season. Let the local ADs work out regular season cancellations, postponed events, etc. just as is always done in past years (ie. golf/tennis rainouts, football lightning delays, etc...). Some contests, depending on the sport, will be able to be made-up. Unfortunately others won't.

If the fall were to be delayed, I believe that we need to shorten regular season schedules (ex: potentially move to a 6 game football regular season instead of 10, etc) based on the circumstances/when we get delayed. I think that everything needs to be done to try to salvage fall tournaments, as it could be catastrophic for the OHSAA to not have another season of tournaments. However, health and safety should always be taken into account first.

Go forward unless Gov says we can't

Open to any ideas to ensure the safety of the children. If that means games played but no Tournaments, I understand.

I think teams should be limited to league games or games within a certain radius and limit the number of games played. I also think that playing those games only on weekends would alleviate transportation concerns, limit the number of days teams are traveling to other places, etc. There's no right answer.

Adjustments are fine as long as they make sense, have everyone's safety in mind and what's best for the kids.

stop putting it off. Confirm a plan before August 1st. Whether it means: A) Starting August 1st (no restrictions) B) Delay the start, ONE TIME, to whenever C) Flip Seasons D) Cancel Fall.

Make a decision before August 1st and we can go for as long as possible.

Just get a plan

New York Model is interesting

Please share any other thoughts you may have on these matters. Thank you.

I am NOT in favor of flip flopping Fall and Spring. Risk losing Spring twice, some coaches can't do the switch, small school makes it more complicated

At least there needs to be a delay until we are given exact parameters. Safest thing is to cancel

We will support whatever decision is made. However, we will need to get back to normal at some point and need swift and decisive leadership loving forward. Thank you for all you do.

I think each sports coaches' association should come up with recommendations on how to make their sport safe. For example, in soccer, do not allow corner kicks. That is where the majority of physicality comes. In volleyball, make the front row wear masks. Perhaps matches are best out of three. Eliminate all spectators and focus on the student athletes. Do what it takes to make it a safe environment for the students and coaches.

If the spring and fall are flipped we need to make sure that the seasons aren't then canceled. I'd hate to see spring sports miss out on 2 consecutive seasons and then fall sports be played in the spring. I would be ok with delaying fall sports but I'm not sure what we really gain. At this point I believe we need to decide we can play or we can't. We know the risks of this virus. It's time to make a decision to either move ahead or pull the plug.

Much attention needs to be paid to plans regarding teams/athletes with positive tests in the middle of a season or a tournament. How long are you out? 14 days? Does 1 positive test impact the rest of the teams ability to play? What if it was a State Championship game?

If flipping seasons is an option then it needs to be done quickly and completely. Scheduling contests and even getting staff's hired will be a big issue for us and i imagine many other schools.

We NEED clear direction from ODH/OHSAA regarding fall sports very soon. Whatever the decision is, all school districts in Ohio should be included and follow the same plan.

There needs to be a contingency plan in place for each season. If we are not able to get through the fall I don't think we should just cancel it, but rather move it to a different time. This time should not be the same as the spring sports season as you are then forcing kids to choose between sports they would normally be able to participate in.

I would say a seven game football schedule with one less round of play offs should work. his not the year to be adding to the playoffs.

We just need to make a final call, as a collective group so there can be a direction.

Without testing athletes (as they are doing in professional sports and at the collegiate level) I do not see how we can ethically have sports knowing that we would more than likely have asymptomatic carriers who would be putting others at risk including other student athletes, coaches, officials etc.

Leave it alone. Fall sports as scheduled. Kids are the least vulnerable to the disease. Leave it as is. Moving football to spring and then expecting it to start again in fall of 2021 can have negative lasting impacts on the young athletes and their bodies. Playing a spring season that wouldn't end until June or July depending on the playoffs and then having them come back within 4-6 weeks seems like a very small window for recovery. Especially for those at smaller schools who have many players playing both offense and defense.

It is also very late into the summer and our fall sports have been on campus practicing together almost all summer. We have had no spring teams on campus practicing. Flipping fall and spring seasons would bring a whole new set of athletes on campus who have not even practiced together and would give them minimal time to prepare for the season.

If we start fall sports, we either aren't finishing them at all or not on time. I don't see how we can continue to move forward when the Ohio Athletic Conference (a premier Div. III athletic Conference based out of Ohio) has decided to push back to September for an athletic start and the Big Ten (arguably one of the most influential conferences in the country) has stopped non-conference play, and effectively won't begin until September. Numerous Div. III schools in Ohio have cancelled fall sports completely, yet the OHSAA and our state has yet to offer us guidance and has put us less

than two weeks from our start date with no answers. It seems irresponsible to move forward especially if we don't know how.

This is an utter mess. I am not sure how we can explain to our families that you need to social distance in the classroom but when it comes to sports, social distancing is permitted. Makes no sense and it is a difficult sell to families and makes athletics look bad.

Thank you for the continued communication and collaboration.

We need some direction from the Govenors office and the OHSAA, ASAP.

Life needs to return to a routine for these students for their well being and development. As adults, we need to provide that for them as safely as possible. We need to stop moving the goal posts on them further down the road.

There needs to be a modification of OHSAA minimum participation in games due to potential team quarantine.

I also selected delayed all sports because I have difficulty with volleyball as a no-contact sport.

Poorly ventilated gymnasiums and being face to face at the net is problematic to me.

Limit those who dress for games to essential personal

Think about the kids. They only get one time in their life to play high school sports.

I like doing fall Feb,Mar, Apr. and doing spring April, May, June.

Cancelling sports will only expedite community groups, AAU, JO etc to take over. They have been going since May 26th and parents have been used to their kids playing and will not understand why high school sports are not happening. Can high schools survive this?

Bruce Brown advocated for the AD position. We lost our leader, I hope the OIAAA, NIAAA can step up and advocate for high school sports and the AD position, becuase I am all for safety and no illness and certainly no death is worth pushing forward, but I am going to lose my job if high school sports are cancelled.

As we currently continue to hold virtual meetings making to make these decisions, combined with the fact that consideration of no spectators and no full-time in-school is tossed around, then it shouldn't be deemed safe for kids to go full bore right now in athletics.

We are not playing baseball or softball at this time. Club is doing everything and it is creating our issues. By allowing all the summer activities to happen including AAU etc, it is putting the OHSAA in jeopardy of existing.

I want my daughter to compete and enjoy her 8th grade year but also want her to be safe and for my family to be safe. As someone who is at risk of dangerous affects of COVID I understand that there

are risks but I believe these risks can be mitigated through proper precautions. I want her to have a season but want it done safely.

Lets play. Would NOT EVEN CONSIDER flipping seasons unless OHSAA mandated.

None , just waiting for someone to take charge and make a decision

We need uniform rules for all schools and not different per county.

Waiting on guidance from the OHSAA

Our Athletic Department is concerned that the OHSAA will not survive the COVID crisis due to the absence of a unified plan for all member schools during this time.

We believe that the OHSAA is our Governing Authority in this matter and are looking to support any organized plan that would attempt to save high school athletics in 2020/2021. If such a plan cannot be constructed, and if the OHSAA exists to solely host tournaments, then we look to being a part of reform in the future to help bring better governance to schools.

I believe people can make their own decision on if they choose to come to games or not. All we can do is provide everyone with the safest place possible.

I feel we are putting children and coaches lives at risk. It is pointless to have these sports with no spectators and parents allowed to watch. We are going backwards with this virus and reopening too soon. Unless testing is available at every school, it is a danger until a vaccine is available.

No one wants to be the "bad" guy. Someone capable of making a decision needs to call it for both non-contact and contact sports. I just listened to the Lucas Cty. Health Dept. presentation. I am not sure how I can run athletics with all the requirements at this time.

It Will be hard to justify sports starting August 1 with more schools going online for the year. No school = no sports

If we continue with fall sports as normal. Delay the start till aug 15th with the season starting early September

It is hard for me to believe that we are going to have schools learning virtually, but we are still going to have sports, as much as I would love to have them. I hope we are just not giving kids and coaches false hope. I am also hoping we get some kind of clear guidance from someone if we start. Maybe there is so much uncertainty all over the State that there is no way to have clear guidelines. Probably the biggest thing I have learned through this is guidelines don't mean a thing.

Health and safety must take precedence over politics and economy. We must protect our students, student athletes, coaches and spectators.

I believe that not nearly enough consideration was paid to flipping the seasons. I think that at this point, it's probably too late. Had our state association embraced the idea when it first started circulating in May, I feel the details could have been figured out.

The effect of such narrow-minded thinking will end up costing athletic departments state-wide tremendously. The financial impact of not playing FB (or playing under the cloud of COVID) is going to decimate our athletic department (especially if we end up having some sports).

Stay Strong, Stay Safe, Stay Positive!

I wish we would be given some guidance. We are a group of intelligent people that given some direction could get this figured out and give all of our communities piece of mind and what to expect for the fall.

The safety of each and every student and staff member of every school district should be the number one priority of the decision makers at the highest level. Concentrate on a safe way to start school (whatever that would look like) and get that up and going first. Once we figure that out and see how that looks/works, then and only then start talking about safely starting up extracurricular activities. If that means we do not have a fall and winter sports season, then we concentrate on the spring sports as they currently are configured.

AD's have to proceed as if fall sports are a go otherwise we work from behind and never get caught up! An AD's #1 duty is to PLAN!

The leadership change at OHSAA has resulted in a drastic communication deficiency. Unanswered questions are frustrating. I shouldn't have to ransack social media for any OHSAA news. Statewide sports reporters get more questions answered than member schools. To start an #IWantASeason (who doesn't?) campaign and then face a realistic possibility of cancellation would be another low blow our athletic leadership simply cannot afford. Winter sports never finished, spring sports never started and now fall sports sit in the cross-hairs. An entire year of HS sports will have been impacted. OHSAA can ill-afford the financial/political ramifications of a fall sports interruption.

The lone positive of the March 2020 termination was that athletic departments and booster groups had essentially earned the bulk of local revenue. Spring sports hover as a net loss for the majority of us. Lost revenue in the fall will significantly impact our school programs. I am fearful that additional OHSAA cancellations could spell the end of our current Ohio sports structure. I hope I am wrong, but society under this climate will demand a change and not ask for it. I have always respected and appreciated the work of our central district athletic board. The boards are overlooked and offer highly valuable elected servants. Let them speak on behalf of their member schools. Maybe district championships will be the conclusion of HS seasons. Who knows? My apologies for the rant.

We are going through an uncontrolled pandemic that appears to only be getting worse. If that's an if, we can even return to school, we have to social distance and wear a mask. The OHSAA says that

athletics is an extension of the classroom. How can anyone then justify playing sports when social distancing and wearing a mask is not possible. If sports are to be played, then nobody should be say that the health and safety of our athletes and coaches is most important because it's clearly not.

Football would be a disaster for schools with grass fields to compete in the spring. Our practice and game fields would not last more than a week or two due to the wet conditions. We would then at some point have to contest two fall sports seasons back to back (ex. football in the spring of 2021 and then again two months later in the fall of 2021).

Give us guidelines and directions. Do not leave it up to each school to figure out. We are all in this together and Ohio high school sports need to stick together. All play, all postpone or all cancel.

no other thoughts right now

If our district decides to return to school with remote online learning our school board will not permit sports. This could play a huge factor

We need guidance from the OHSAA. Don't be afraid to mandate things, quit giving "strongly recommended" options. Tell us if we are allowed to have spectators, tell us how to proceed. You recently sent out a statement, "you don't regulate regular season, only tournaments." That is very far from the truth. Give us guidance now. Everyone on a different plan will not work! Do not leave all decisions up to each local district.

It's hard for me to believe that schools won't be open 100% with school/bus facemask policies and we then go out to football practice and play. I hate that I'm saying that but I see no way we can justify it to those who can give two hoots about the sport.

I believe leaving it to local schools and districts puts an undue burden on many schools and communities that do not see a way to do this safely. It is going to be very difficult to navigate.

Volleyball, soccer, cross country, etc., events are easier to reschedule and modify. However, what thoughts have gone into non-played football games (if we play) regarding tournament participation/points? The same as games not played in years past? What happens to any team (no matter the sport) who cannot play during tournament? Sorry for your luck? I would rather see some events played than none at all, even if that meant no conference championships, no tournament championships, etc.

For the survival of OHSAA and HS sports as we know it, we need a plan to generate revenue (play as many games during the regular season as possible but definitely conduct tournament play).

We have seen numerous college-level leagues either postpone or fully cancel their fall sports seasons. I have a feeling this trend will continue.....especially with the testing requirements that the NCAA has proposed for ALL sports. I believe the writing is on the wall with the public health order the Governor issued through July 22nd (which is similar to what the NCAA is proposing regarding testing). However, it was only for contact sports.

Widespread testing is not available and we certainly do not have the resources to obtain and conduct testing of our athletes. Furthermore, a vaccine is not close to being ready and scaleable for mass production.

We don't have the resources or manpower to address all of the potential issues (especially on Friday nights) regarding locker rooms, fan attendance, enforcement of public health mandates, etc. I worry about the amount of officials that will be available as well as game personnel that are willing to work (whether they are paid or volunteer). Furthermore, I would venture to say that most schools are closing down at the end of the school day to start cleaning for the next day.....having a volleyball game with fans goes against the purpose of closing down schools at the end of the day for effective cleaning.

I WANT all of our sports to play but find it hard to believe that we're going to do all that we can to socially distance our students during the school day but then at 2:30 turn around and throw that out the window. If we're truly trying to limit exposure and spread then we need to do it all the way.

The most logical move to make right now is allow golf, tennis, and cross country (stagger start times and teams run together for time) to start on August 1st. Postpone or cancel all other fall sports given the reasons listed above. The same holds true for all of our winter sports.....things are probably not going to get better as we enter into flu season and everything moves indoors.

Although flipping some fall and spring sports could be a solution the challenge is whether or not our current spring staff would be available to begin immediately this fall. Any vacancies would have to be filled very quickly

I think whatever way is decided (to have sports in the Fall or not), it needs to be all sports or no sports.

Very frustrating as an AD that we have really not received direction on how to proceed. It seems as if no one wants to be responsible for making a decision, one way or the other.

I appreciate all that the OIAAA and OHSAA are doing to support schools, ADs, coaches, and student-athletes during this difficult time

Would like more guidance from OHSAA and the Governor's Office.

We are WAY behind the 8 ball here. These conversations should have started a long time ago. Any solution aside from delaying the fall season is going to be quite an undertaking.

layout everything you are considering and make a decision.

Absolutely think the idea of flipping spring and fall seasons is not feasible. No place to practice. Bad weather, unpredictable storms. Spring break issues. Mid-summer football. Precedent setting. What's the response going to be when the pandemic chugs on and the winter season gets cancelled? Will

we move basketball to spring, too? The pandemic is a problem for all contact sports, not just football.

With virus levels on the rise in many Ohio counties, an August 1 start date seems to be risky. While virus trends seem to indicate that teenagers and younger are less likely to become seriously ill if contracting the coronavirus, this option does not show the impact to those that come contract the virus from those in the this group. Fans, teachers, coaches, parents and grandparents will be where the spread has the most devastating impact.

So much of this is unknown and my answers really don't represent my feelings toward the matter. I could see flipping the fall and spring seasons, this decisions allows students to have a season. But I can also see why states, like Virginia are cancelling the season. I think we would all feel better about our decisions if we knew more about the virus and there was a vaccine. My worry lies in our country having more cases than anyone else in the world and Ohioians pitching a fit about wearing a mask. i wish the OHSAA or the governor would say "No Mask No Admittance" to any sporting event, whether it be professional/college/high school/youth. If we are still having virtual meetings instead of meeting in person, it may be wise to make some changes to our fall activities.

The people in Columbus who should be providing leadership and guidance are afraid to make decisions, thus leaving all of us to navigate these challenging circumstances. It is difficult to accept the protocols we are putting in place for the academic day will then be changed once athletics start. No after game hand shake lines. Football box moved to 15 to 15 yard lines. No spectators on sideline before, during or after the game. Limit capacities to 50%of seating capacity.