



Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association

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To: NIAA Member Schools and Districts

From: Bart Thompson, Executive Director, NIAA

Re: Update

NIAA Office

The NIAA Office remains closed and will be closed through at least April 30, 2020. The staff continues to work full days. We are all available on our cell phones.

Spring Season Sports

As you are aware, the Governor has directed that schools will not re-open through the end of April 2020 in conjunction with the Stay at Home Order announced yesterday. The NIAA has received word that the NIAA member schools located in California will be closed for the remainder of the school year and therefore will not be participating in any competition the NIAA is able to provide this spring.

The NIAA staff with input from classification representatives, has been putting together contingency plans based on schools re-opening with extracurricular activities on or about Friday, May 1, 2020. Should schools re-open and activities be permitted at that time, the plan, currently, is to begin interscholastic competition on Thursday or Friday, May 7 or 8.

It is anticipated in all spring sports, that there will be no State Tournament. A plan for competition in Region Tournaments/Meets is being devised. These tournaments will all be completed by May 16, the originally scheduled date for completion of state tournaments. Due to travel considerations and the need to avoid out of class time, tournament formats will likely vary in different classifications.

In the individual sports of Swimming & Diving and Track & Field, schools would be able to compete in competition they arrange beginning May 7, 2020. Entry directly into the Region Meet for a maximum number of entries per event per school would make up the Region Meet.

For Boys' Golf, depending on the number of teams in a region and the ability of courses to handle the number of golfers, each school will be allowed to enter a team of 6 golfers in a Region Tournament qualifier held May 7 or later depending on course availability. A predetermined number of teams and individuals would qualify from the results of these qualifiers to the Region Tournament. In Regions which are small enough that a course could handle the

number of competitors for the entire Region, all schools would compete in the Region Tournament. In this situation, schools would have the opportunity to schedule matches beginning May 7.

In team sports (Baseball, Boys' Volleyball, and Softball) all teams will be entered in their respective Region Tournament. Depending on the number of teams, Region Tournaments could start play as early as Friday, May 8. For tournaments that do not require a start date that early, schools would have the opportunity to schedule games beginning Thursday, May 7.

These are contingency plans and not absolute by any means. Adjustments can and likely will be made. There may be a need to limit the number of contests in which a school competes in sports where there is an opportunity for schools to schedule contests. This is to assure that an excessive intrusion into what will be limited classroom time between the re-opening of schools and the scheduled end of the school year does not occur.

It is anticipated at this time that competition will not go beyond the dismissal of school for the current school year. It is anticipated at this time that schools will conclude this school year as originally scheduled. A lack of days/weeks to complete competition could result in no Region Tournament/Meet competition. It is the hope of NIAA staff that Region Tournaments will be able to be held. We have currently scheduled sites for nearly all of the Region Tournaments.

Realignment Committee Meeting

As you are aware, the meeting of the NIAA Realignment Committee scheduled for March 13, 2020, was postponed. The meeting will take place April 9, 2020 at 9:00a.m. This meeting will be done totally remotely. Those wishing to make public comment will need to contact the NIAA in advance of the meeting. The meeting is scheduled to hear appeals by schools aligned in the 3A, 4A and 5A classifications for winter sports per the recommendation of the Realignment Committee. Those schools which have notified the NIAA that they wish to make an appeal will be notified on how that is to happen. Following the hearing of the appeals, the Committee will then adopt a final recommendation for the alignment of schools including league alignment.

Also on the agenda for the meeting is the adoption of a recommendation for tournament formats for winter sports in the 3A, 4A and 5A classifications.

NIAA Board of Control Meeting

The regular Spring meeting of the NIAA Board of Control originally scheduled for March 30-31, 2020, was postponed. The meeting will take place April 21, 22 or 23. This meeting will be done remotely. Schools will be notified of the date of the scheduled meeting as soon as it is decided.