

Presidents Parents, Student-Athletes and Community;

On behalf of the Marion Harding Athletic Department, Marion City Schools as well as high school and middle school coaches, this is a bulletin to make you aware of all of the most current information as it pertains to high school and middle school sports.

General Information

Due to the Covid-19 situation throughout the nation and world, athletics will have a set of stringent guidelines for student-athletes and fans to follow. Each sport has a specific set of requirements for the execution of practices, as well as contests. Please cooperate with these changes to give our young people the best opportunity to continue with a season.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf>

Fall Non-Contact Sports

Cheerleading, Cross Country, Golf, Girls Tennis, and Volleyball are classified as non-contact by the state of Ohio. They have all been previously cleared to begin their seasons and interscholastic competitions as scheduled. Golf and Tennis matches started earlier in August, while cross country and volleyball are slated to begin meets/matches very soon.

Cross Country:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Cross%20Country/2020/CrossCountryRecommendations.pdf>

Golf:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/2020/GolfRecommendations.pdf>

Girls Tennis:

<http://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Tennis-Girls/2020/TennisRecommendations.pdf>

Volleyball:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Volleyball/2020/VolleyballModificationsRecommendations.pdf>

Fall Contact Sports

Football and Soccer are classified as contact sports by the state of Ohio. Schools were informed on August 18 that these sports would be allowed to proceed as scheduled.

Football:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Football/2020/FootballModifications.pdf>

Soccer:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Soccer/2020/SoccerRecommendations.pdf>

Game/Match Schedules

Game/Match/Meet Schedules for all Marion Harding Athletic Teams are located at www.marionhardingpresidents.org. There is also a tab to the Harding Athletics page at the www.marioncityschools.org home page. You will find game schedules as well as directions to away

venues here. Schedules are also available at www.arbiterlive.com. Type Marion Harding in the search box at the top of the page.

Schedule Flexibility

All of our fall sports schedules are tentative at this time. In addition to the usual changes that occur due to weather, we have many additional changes that have occurred, and most likely will continue to occur due to the nature of the Covid-19 situation.

Ticket Sales/Spectator Limits

At this time, families of players are our priority for seating at our athletic events. An allotment of tickets will be available for each player to purchase prior to an event. Those tickets must be shown at the ticket gate to gain admission to the venue. This allotment will most likely vary from event to event based on participant numbers and venue capacities.

Marion Harding/MOAC/Senior/Student/Teacher Passes/Reserved Seating

Due to the limited seating availability and guidelines due to Covid-19, there will be no reserved seats sold for this year's football season, and passes will not be valid for this season's ticketed events. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this challenging time.

Attending Athletic Events

If you are attending any athletic event at Marion Harding or Grant Middle School, please be prepared for alterations from the normal procedures at our venues. Masks will be required for entry to both outdoor and indoor events.

We expect that concessions will be available on a more limited basis at some events. There will be no food/drink allowed in the gymnasium at the high school. All food/drink items must be consumed in the concession vestibule area, or outside the building.

We are expecting all fans attending events to self-check before arriving. You should expect social distancing seating requirements at all venues. If you are experiencing any type of symptoms, we ask that you not attend that particular event.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html#>

Please be patient with all athletic department personnel as we work to comply with these regulations. We are all working very hard to ensure that our student-athletes have the best opportunity for a safe and healthy sport season this fall! Please do all you can in helping us by wearing a mask, and being responsible in your activities outside of school and sports. We hope to manage this fall season with your help and cooperation. This will take a strong commitment from everyone. We are looking forward to the return of athletics and extra-curricular activities at our schools!

Go Presidents!

Sean Kearns

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