



To: Oregon C.U.S.D #220 Board of Education  
From: Mike Lawton, Athletic Director  
RE: Waiver of Pre Participation Drug Testing for Fall 2020

Due to the current uncertainty regarding the status of IHSA sanctioned interscholastic sports for at least the start of the upcoming 2020-21 school year, I am recommending that the annual pre-participation drug testing requirements for student-athletes be waived for the 2020 fall sports seasons (volleyball, football, boys soccer, golf, cross country, and DLR JH cheer & boys basketball).

Pre-participation drug testing typically starts in late July. It is likely that the status of school sports will still be uncertain at that time. If families of student-athletes were to pay for the testing and then have their seasons cancelled, it would be a sunk cost since KSB would not issue refunds for the service provided. Additionally, there are still social distancing concerns about bringing families to the Blackhawk Center for a "normal" testing process. Finally, the resources of KSB are somewhat limited and during this pandemic, their ability to provide testing may be hit and miss.

If sports end up being held as normal, we will still plan on weekly random drug testing for student-athletes as long as KSB has the resources to provide this service. A reassessment of the situation in the fall will guide the plan for any required pre-participation testing for winter sports.

Thank you.



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