



## **Decemer 2020 Board Report**

### **Drug Testing**

As of November 16, 102 students had been randomly tested at OHS. 100 results were negative, two were positive (both for nicotine). Testing went on a temporary pause due to no in person learning.

### **Social Media/Communication**

As of Dec. 10, we have 1,172 followers on the athletic Twitter account @OregonHawks. Last year at this time, we had a total of 1,136.

### **Winter Sports**

The IHSA has put a pause on winter athletics and activities. We had started boys and girls bowling practice (which was allowed at the time) on Monday, November 16 but were forced to pause on Friday, November 20. Basketball and wrestling practices did not commence due to Covid restrictions at the scheduled start of practice in November. Basketball is "on hold", wrestling is currently scheduled for May/June.

On December 2, the IHSA released the following statement:

*Given Governor Pritzker's current mitigations, the IHSA Board has no expectation of starting low risk winter sports prior to January. The Board and IHSA staff will continue to monitor the Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation in effect currently. When there is a timeline for the state to emerge from these restrictions, the Board is prepared to restart lower risk winter sports quickly. In addition, the Board hopes to reestablish contact days in January for any winter sports that cannot begin, as well as spring and summer sports. The introduction of the contact days will be based on mitigations from the Governor and the Illinois Department of Public Health at that time. Further guidance on contact days limits will be established at a future Board meeting.*

*The Board reiterated that they remain committed to creating as much opportunity as possible for all sports that remain to be played this school year. They intend to evaluate the equity of each season as a potential resumption date in January begins to materialize. The Board appreciates the flexibility displayed by our schools throughout the pandemic, and although they recognize the challenges each modification creates, they continue to ask that schools be adaptable in the New Year. The Board continues to evaluate season start and ending dates depending on when the winter season resumes.*

### **Honors**

The Sauk Valley News (Telegraph) recently released their all-area teams for both golf and cross country. Oregon's Ava Hackman was named a selection for girls' golf. Faith Marquardt was named a selection for cross country. Katlyn Ramirez and Leah Watters were Honorable Mention selections for cross country.

**One on one sessions**

The IHSA/IDPH does allow one basketball player and one coach to be in a gym (masked) for individual skill sessions. Our basketball staff (boys and girls) will attempt to provide this type of activity for our players who may be interested.

**Big Northern Conference**

Mendota High School will be leaving the Big Northern Conference effective at the end of this 2020-21 school year. The conference is discussing options moving forward.

**Cancelled events:**

The pandemic has forced the athletic department to cancel all of our basketball tournaments that we typically host in November and December. These include the Jr. High boys tourney, the OHS girls Tipoff Tourney, the OHS boys Thanksgiving Tourney, and the OHS boys freshman Holiday Tourney. We also will not be able to conduct our annual Fr-Soph wrestling tourney at the end of January as well as our annual Jr. High girls basketball tournament in February. In addition to the loss of opportunities for our student –athletes, these cancellations will create a significant loss of revenue for our Letterman's Account.

The Big Northern Conference also recently voted to cancel the annual BNC Music Festival scheduled for January.

Respectfully submitted

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