



January 2020 Board Report

Random Drug Testing

Random drug testing resumed at OHS last week after being on pause due to the shift to remote learning. As of January 6, we have 110 results from students have been chosen for random testing so far this school year at Oregon High School. 108 have had negative results, two positives.

Twitter

Our athletic department Twitter account (@OregonHawks) has 1,162 followers as of January 12.

Team GPA's

We will begin the process of determining team GPA's for the fall sports team that were able to have a season (golf, cross country) now that the first semester has ended. Teams with a GPA of over 3.0 earn the IHSA Academic Team Award.

Big Northern Conference

Harvard High School has been extended an invitation to join the Big Northern Conference to replace Mendota (which is leaving after this year). The Harvard Board of Education is expected to debate/discuss this invitation at their next meeting on January 20.

Sports Update

The IHSA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 13 to discuss the status of sports in Illinois – including the current winter activities that are on pause due to COVID. The results of this meeting were not available at the time this report was written. IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson stated on January 7, *"Our Board of Directors is going to have difficult decisions to make regarding the seasons for medium- and high-risk sports very soon. With no specific IDPH timeline or statistical benchmarks established for the return of sports and the calendar shrinking, putting together a puzzle that allows for all sports to be played becomes increasingly improbable."*

Football (labeled "high risk" by IDPH), volleyball ("medium risk"), and boys soccer ("medium risk") were all moved to the spring last August in an attempt by the IHSA to try to fit all sports into the 2020-21 school year. Practice for these sports is slated to start on February 15 – contingent on IHSA action/IDPH approval (which seems unlikely)

Track and Field (low risk), Baseball/Softball (low risk), Girls Soccer (medium risk), and Wrestling (high risk) are scheduled to take place from April 19 – June 26. This again is contingent on IDPH/IHSA action.

Respectfully submitted,

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