

## **August 2020 Board Report**

• The IHSA announced on July 29 a major restructuring of the athletic calendar for 2020-21 due to the pandemic. Cross country and golf will be allowed to play in the fall as normal. However, volleyball, boys' soccer, and football will be moved to the early spring (Feb. 15-May 1). Winter sports (basketball, bowling, and wrestling will be Nov. 16 – Feb. 13). The traditional spring sports (baseball, softball, track, and girls' soccer) will be moved back to May & June. As of now, there can be no tournaments held which will be a significant loss of revenue to our Letterman's Fund.

Due to these changes, all of the original schedules that were created for this 2020-21 school year will need to be scrapped and redone. The AD's of the Big Northern Conference have already started working on this complex revision process.

• Principals and Athletic Directors of the Route 72 Junior High Conference have also agreed to reschedule junior high athletics as well similar to that of the IHSA. Junior high athletic seasons will attempted to be held as follows:

JH Boys Basketball/Cheer Nov. 16 – Jan. 15 JH Girls Basketball/Wrestling Jan. 18 – March 5

Volleyball March 8 – April 16
Track April 19 – May 21

As with the high school schedules, all original 2020-21 schedules and contests will be scrapped and new condensed schedules will be created.

• An Athletics/Activities Fair for incoming freshmen was held on Tuesday evening, August 11 on the lawn of OHS while during the Freshman Orientation event in the school. Coaches and advisors from most programs and organizations were available to meet with the students. This event typically is held in May during the school day but was not done so last spring due to the closure.



• A branding upgrade was made to the Blackhawk Center in July as Sportsgraphics Co. installed a protective wall pad on the competition court of the BHC. The old logo behind it will be painted over.



• Cross Country practice began on Monday, August 10 and due to the storm, golf one day later. (Tues. Aug 11). The number for golf is significantly higher.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Cross Country Golf	32	33	23	26	23	18	19
	32	25	23	17	15	19	16

• OHS Baseball coach Nate Girton completed his volunteer work on the new baseball press box/storage building over the summer. Special thanks to Nate and the numerous volunteers and financial contributors to the project.



Respectfully submitted,

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