



Pioneering the Next Generation

School District of Sevastopol

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Dear Sevastopol Athletes and Parents/Guardians,

Through June 30th, the WIAA and governor have restrictions in place that will not allow school facilities to be used. Sevastopol and the Packerland conference recognize the value of our athletic programs so we will be proposing athlete reinstatement plans starting July 1st.

Before schools could share their reopening plans, guidance from the WIAA, Department of Public Health, Packerland Conference and school administration had to take place. Schools were given guidelines for reopening on June 18th from the WIAA. The Packerland Conference principals met June 16th to start planning. On June 23rd, all Packerland Conference principals and athletic directors met to revise and recommend a Phase one plan. The Door County superintendents met on June 24th to approve the Phase 1 plan. The Sevastopol administrative team and myself have been working since June 24th to finalize our plans. Each school was given the flexibility to make changes based on their current situations.

Across the Packerland Conference, there are differences in the levels of Phase 1 participation. Some schools are not participating in athletics at all, others are offering it only to fall sports, and some are doing conditioning. The WIAA and the National Federation for High School, both recommend an acclimatization program to get athletes in shape.

Sevastopol will be offering a free conditioning program in partnership with Door County Memorial. It will run very similar to the EDGE camps. Currently, our facilities have restricted inside use due to renovations and regular summer work to our gym floors and weight room. Utilizing our outdoor space is most safe for our athletes.

EDGE camp will be offered to incoming 6th-12th graders at no cost. Students can register for this opportunity using the following link <https://volunteersignup.org/AKTRM>. EDGE will begin July 6th and run through July 30th. Students will be in a pod of 10 for one hour. This pod will meet at the same time Monday-Thursday with one day off. Morning sessions will begin at 6AM and night sessions will begin at 3PM. Screenings will take place by the athletic trainer prior to the start of camp each day for all athletes and coaches. Symptomatic athletes or coaches will be sent home. Athletes must bring a mask for indoor free weight lifting. In addition, they need their own water bottle and towel. There will be 30 minutes in between all pod departures to allow for cleaning and decrease the likelihood of kids mingling. If you can't make your time for the day, athletes can't join another pod.

Prior to participation, all participants must sign the attached waiver. In the attached Packerland Conference Phase 1 document, vulnerable individuals should not oversee, observe, or participate in any workouts during Phase 1. Your family can decide what is best for your athlete.

Safety is the number one priority. All social distancing and cleaning guidelines will be followed. If someone is symptomatic, the athletic trainer will notify the parents immediately. The athletic director will inform administration. The administration will inform public health. All return to play protocols for athletes displaying signs/symptoms of COVID-19 will be provided by our athletic training services. If your athlete decides to participate in EDGE, please reiterate the importance of following guidelines.

Phase 1 guidelines go from July 1st -July 19th. The conference is easing into reopening. We will be meeting throughout Phase 1. On July 15th, we will make changes, additions, or ease restrictions to the plan based on new information and our observations of Phase 1. The term "Phase 1" does not correlate to any other Phase 1 term that is out there. It is just the beginning point for our conference guidelines.

We have an opportunity to get this right and take this responsibility seriously. Oconto had three athletes test positive for COVID-19 last week. The reality is that it could be us next. Easing into reopening and controlling the spread with safe guidelines for Sevastopol will hopefully keep this reality slim. Keeping our athletes healthy and active is a priority. We have had great participation in our Pioneer Running Challenge. Participation in the EDGE camp is another opportunity to stay active and stay ready for your teammates. We want fall sports to take place. For that we need good systems in place and healthy athletes and coaches!

Sincerely,

Brooke Tanck
Athletic Director