



Fall Sports Begin! Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Guardians

The top priority of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Department of Athletics and Student Activities is to deliver the District's athletic offerings in a safe and secure manner. Health and wellness protocols, which were established in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local health experts, and the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), are ongoing.

BCPS will be adhering to FHSAA sports timelines for the 2021/22 school year.

Below are answers to frequently asked questions:

- **What do I need to do for my student to be eligible to participate in voluntary strengthening and conditioning workouts and, official practices?**

Student athletes need to have an up-to-date Pre-participation Physical (EL2), Consent and Liability (EL3) FHSAA forms, and appropriate insurance documentation. In addition, this year, a COVID-19 release form and six mandatory online courses must be completed. Visit browardschools.com/athletics to access these courses.

Check with your student's school for school-specific information on athletics.

- **Does my child need to add a COVID-19 test to his or her medical clearance before being approved to play?**
There is no requirement for student athletes to have a COVID-19 test as part of medical clearance prior to participation.
- **Will students have access to bathrooms?**
Yes. Each school will identify restrooms for use by student athletes.

- What should my student athlete bring with him or her while participating in sports?**
 He or she should bring a towel, a personal water/hydration jug and a face covering. Students should wear athletic shorts, T-shirts (no half shirts, tank tops, or removing T-shirts), and sports-specific equipment and uniforms, as needed.
- Does my student have to wear a face covering during his or her outdoor workout/practice?**
 Face coverings are required to be worn once the student arrives on campus and are expected to be worn the entire time while on campus. The only exception is during an active outdoor workout/practice or competition session, when face coverings do not have to be worn.
- Does my student have to wear a face covering during his or her weight room workout?**
 Yes. Face coverings are required to be worn once the student arrives on campus and are expected to be worn the entire time while on campus; to include weight room workouts.
- What type of screening will take place for my student at the school, prior to participation in athletics?**
 When an athlete arrives, he or she will be asked to fill out a quick survey, may undergo a temperature and/or pulse oximeter check. Once athletes are cleared, they will report to their designated locations.
- My child tested positive for COVID-19, when can he or she join or resume sports participation?**
 The student athlete will be asked to follow up with his or her health care provider. He or she is expected to quarantine for at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms and until 24 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Are student athletes and their parents notified if another student athlete has tested positive for COVID-19?**
 Yes. There are specific protocols for these scenarios. Student athletes and their parents will be notified of their specific situation and what next steps need to be taken.

- **Will student athletes be able to use the locker rooms?**
Schools will determine the use of locker rooms, which would be on a limited basis and follow current CDC guidelines.
- **What happens if inclement weather rolls in during sports participation?**
Schools will have designated (shelter-in-place) areas for students to gather during inclement weather. Physical distancing will take place in the shelter-in-place locations.
- **Is Broward County going to be a part of the FHSAA this year?**
Yes, Broward County Public Schools is a member of the FHSAA and will follow the FHSAA timelines for all sports for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Are spectators allowed at sporting events?**
Yes, under specific protocols. [View the BCAA spectator guidelines.](#)
- **What is the status of middle school sports?**
Middle school sports resume in the 2021/22 school year and will follow traditional timelines.