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Athletics Update

The El Dorado Union High School District would like to provide our families with some recent updates regarding our athletic programs and how we see athletics working with the strict protocols put out by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

At their meeting earlier this week, the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Board of Managers passed updated guidelines for athletic programs in the region. The schools of El Dorado Union High School District, as members of leagues governed by the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section, fall under these updated guidelines. Some of the key points of these updates include:

- The ability of all sports to practice and compete continues to be governed by the CDPH color tiers for sports (see table below).
- CIF has moved away from the two seasons set earlier this year. Now, each league will develop its own schedule of when sports will be able to practice and play, in accordance with the CDPH color tiers and guidelines.
- CIF Bylaw 600 will be enforced, meaning that while a sport is in season, student athletes will not be allowed to play for a high school athletic team at the same time as a club athletic team in the same sport.
- Spectators at events will be limited to immediate household members only per CDPH guidelines with social distancing required. For events with limited space, such as for swim or water polo, additional limits on size may be placed on spectators.

CDPH COLOR TIER FOR SPORTS

PURPLE	RED	ORANGE	YELLOW
CROSS COUNTRY	BASEBALL	BADMINTON	BASKETBALL
GOLF	FIELD HOCKEY	FOOTBALL	COMPETITIVE CHEER
SWIMMING & DIVING	GIRLS' LACROSSE	BOYS LACROSSE	WRESTLING
TENNIS	SOFTBALL	SOCCER	
TRACK & FIELD		VOLLEYBALL	
		WATER POLO	

It is important for athletes and families to be aware that the El Dorado Union High School District consists of three leagues with three different schedules. Sports in some leagues may be active prior to others. Please look for schedules and additional information to come from the athletic department at your school site.

For football, CIF rules require three weeks of practice before any competitions may be held and the last competition can be no later than April 17, 2021. At least two of these three weeks of practice must occur in the orange tier. As of the time of this message, El Dorado County remains well into the purple tier, as do surrounding counties with schools that our District's schools compete against. In alignment with the leagues represented by the schools in our District, in order for football to be played this season, El Dorado County must reach the red tier by February 16, 2021 and the orange tier by March 1, 2021. These deadlines have been set so student athletes will be able to move on to participate in other sports that are available at that time per the CDPH color tier chart.

The El Dorado Union High School District remains committed to maximizing the opportunities for student athletes to safely participate in sports this season as conditions permit. For this to occur, we ask for the continued support of our school community in following all protocols set forth including social distancing, mask wearing, and not allowing your student athlete(s) to participate in practices or events if they are displaying any sign of illness. Together, we can maximize the opportunities for our athletes to participate in the sports that they enjoy.