



Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the member schools of the Interstate Athletic Conference (IAC) have met extensively to consider options for athletic activities in the 2020-2021 school year. As part of this process, we consulted with the Independent School League (ISL) and Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAC), with whom some of our schools have families in common. The three leagues share the goals of supporting our student-athletes and ensuring a safe return to athletics. Our co-ed member schools also seek to ensure equity between the male and female student athletes at their schools.

With our first priority being the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, athletic support staff, and community members, the IAC has independently decided to postpone league-sanctioned athletic competition for fall 2020. This delay will provide the flexibility necessary for schools to focus first on a safe return to school as well as a longer window to implement health guidelines and reacclimate all students to physical activity.

In place of traditional interscholastic competition during the fall, we will pursue creative opportunities for safe team practices and training, and informal competition between member schools when feasible. We are committed to supporting team-based athletics, which are essential to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of our students.

Our current plan is to resume league competition no earlier than January 2021 and to provide an interscholastic athletics experience for students in all sports. Were this to be possible, we would develop plans for three abbreviated seasons during the remainder of the school year, beginning with traditional winter sports, to be followed by fall sports and then spring sports.

We understand that the situation may change significantly during the course of the school year, and we will remain flexible and adjust our plans as necessary. As we develop specific details regarding scheduling of competition and other policies for safely resuming athletics, the IAC and each member school will closely examine the guidelines and best practices provided by public health authorities, state and local governments, and national and state sport organizations.