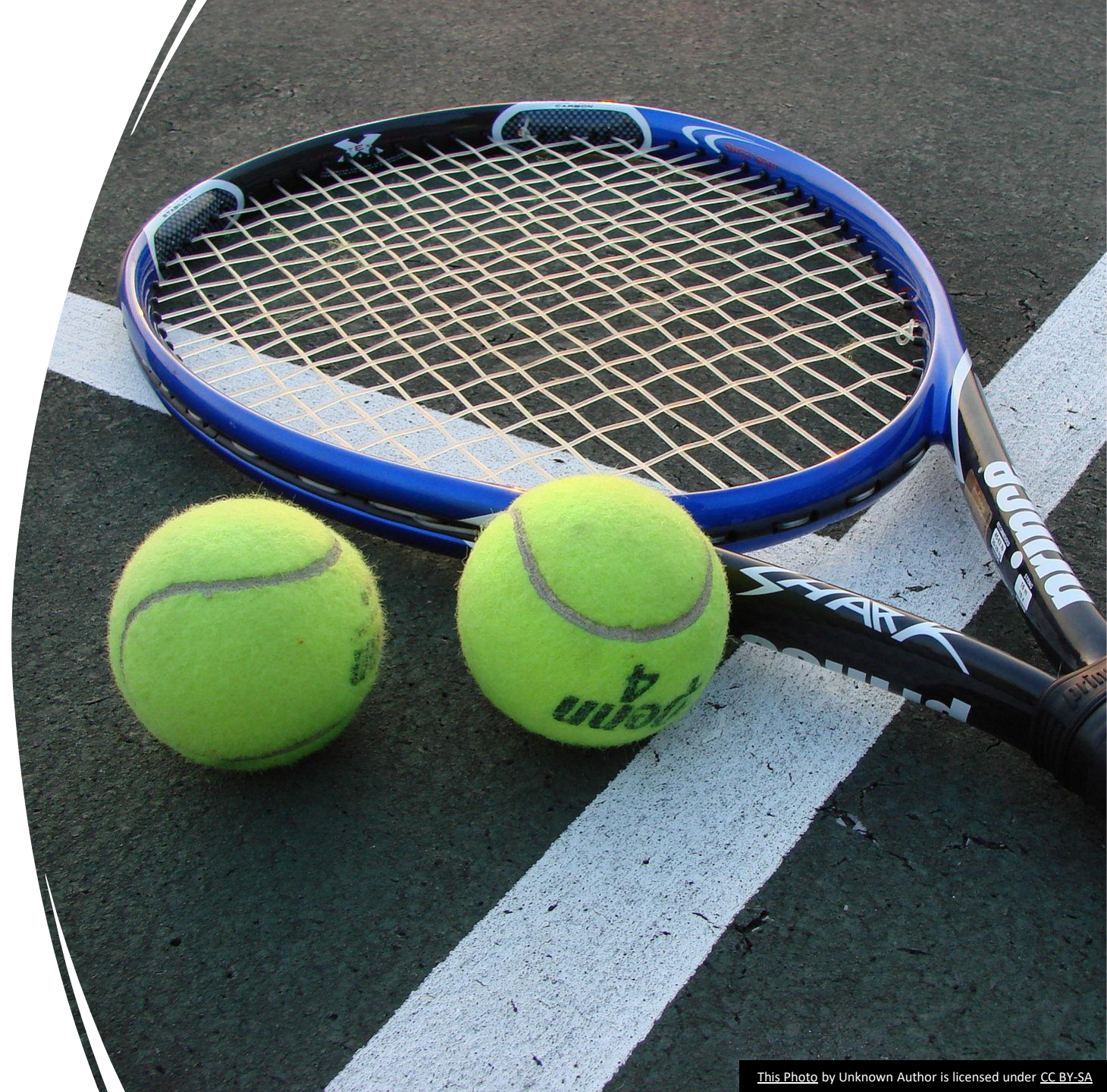


2021 Spring Athletics Options and Information

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Some Important Considerations From the Fall and Winter Season

- Athletes, Coaches and Parents continue to be very “compliant” with our protocols.
- Additional staffing was required to help manage games and protocols for games.
- The NHIAA was very supportive and flexible with restrictions individual school districts required (travel, opponents, scheduling, etc.) – this is expected to continue.
- Maintaining regional play was attempted as much as possible but was difficult to maintain at all times.
- Student-athlete masks can be worn in most sports all the times – including home/away teams.
- We “control” most facilities in the spring – unlike winter.
- It was challenging to NOT use locker rooms in some situations – Will need to use locker rooms in limited capacity in spring.



Important Spring Considerations

- First Date to Practice and Play is now March 29th for High School Sports which is modified 1 week from typical start date. Would expect middle school start date for sports to be on or after April 5th.
- Almost all sports are outdoors (exception is boys volleyball).
- Few coaches have opted out for spring – will work to fill those positions.
- Only play for school team – cannot play for any out of school team? Will that continue?
- Students social and emotional time is important – this was the most important part of the fall and winter seasons.
- Locker Rooms will need to be used in limited capacities since students will be in building.
- Limited indoor gym use in small groups for tryouts and use of indoor batting cages will be important.
- For OUTSIDE EVENTS allowing spectators to attend with no limits? Some spring venues will be hard to “police”.
- Screening of spectators will be near impossible in the spring with so many playing spaces and so few physical barriers.
- I believe we can get relatively close to “normal” during the spring season.
- Masks worn at all times by everyone unless deemed unsafe to do so (e.g. participation in Pole Vault, Hurdles, etc.).



DHS AND DMS SPRING SPORTS

Dover High School

Boys and Girls Lacrosse

Girls Softball

Boys Baseball

Boys and Girls Tennis

Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field

Boys Volleyball

Co-ed Unified Volleyball

Dover Middle School

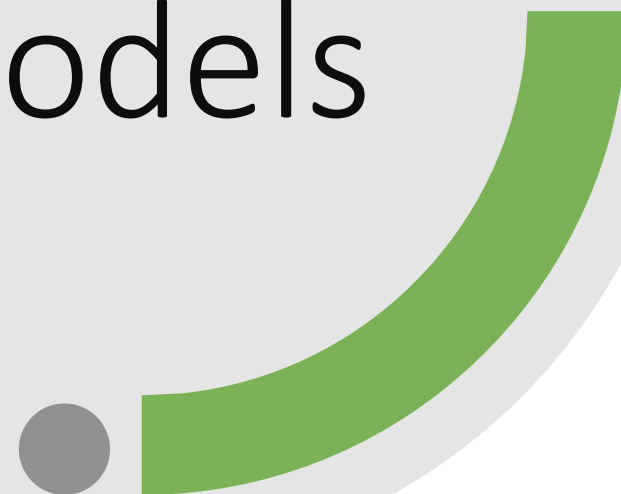
Boys/Girls Lacrosse

Baseball

Boys/Girls Outdoor Track and Field



Possible 2021 Spring Athletic Models



Model #1: Interscholastic Competition for all levels

- All levels would participate interscholastically with modified schedules. General 10-18 game schedule in baseball, softball, boys volleyball, boys and girls lacrosse and tennis.
- Additional modified schedules in lower levels will necessary due to opponent availability and bus availability.
- Middle School would have modified schedules whenever possible – track meets will be challenging (may need to be an intramural type situation).
- Local opponents only from Seacoast/Southeast Region whenever possible - but would ask for flexibility to go beyond when deemed necessary.
- If competition is possible, Unified Volleyball would be offered with modified schedule.
- Allow Parent/Guardian transportation to practices and competitions – school would provide bus for competitions as needed. Securing bus transportation will be challenging.
- Mask for all sports always unless deemed impossible or unsafe (e.g. Pole Vault, Catcher in baseball, Hurdles, etc.). This includes opponents being required to wear masks when the compete against Dover even if not their policy
- Daily screening and temperature checks prior to activities remain in place for student athletes/coaches/game officials.
- Follow all 2020-21 Spring Athletics Protocols (similar to fall and winter protocols) as presented to you and reviewed, and supported, by the Medical Advisory Committee.





Model #2 - Varsity Interscholastic Competition ONLY (lower levels Skills/Drills)

- Varsity only would participate in a modified schedule. 10-18 game schedule in baseball, softball, boys volleyball, boys and girls lacrosse and tennis with modified schedule in others. Varsity would be eligible for NHIAA postseason.
- Local opponents only from Seacoast/Southeast Region whenever possible - but would ask for flexibility to go beyond when deemed necessary.
- Sub-varsity and middle school would have workouts, skill-based activities and intramurals – these instructors paid 60% of regular stipend amount.
- If competition is possible at the Varsity level, Unified Sports would be offered with modified schedule.
- Allow Parent/Guardian transportation to practices and competitions – school would provide bus for competitions as needed.
- Mask for all sports always unless deemed impossible or unsafe (e.g. Pole Vault, Catcher in Baseball/Softball, Hurdles, etc.). Opposing schools would be required to wear masks at all times – Home or Away.
- Daily screening and temperature checks prior to activities remain in place for student athletes/coaches/officials.
- Follow all 2021 Spring Athletics Protocols (similar fall and winter protocols) as presented to you and reviewed by the Medical Advisory Committee.

Model #3 (No Interscholastic Competition)

- Varsity, JV, Reserve, Unified and Middle School Teams would participate in a skill based, intramural program 2-3 times per week.
- Instructors paid at 60% of their regular stipend amount.
- No interscholastic competition. NHIAA Spring sports for DHS would be cancelled on interscholastic level.
- No postseason eligibility for varsity teams.
- Programs run by Spring coaches whenever possible.