



Axtell Community School

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Parents & Students

As you probably have heard, Governor Ricketts announced that, beginning June 1, schools may open weight rooms and baseball/softball fields. The District remains concerned about the health and safety of all students and staff members. As a result, a parent or guardian who wishes to allow his or her child to use the weight room must sign a form acknowledging the risks associated with the use of the weight room. Students must follow all social distancing and safety requirements. Similarly, parents, guardians or outside groups requesting to use the baseball or softball field must sign a form acknowledging the risks associated. While the District endeavors to keep District property safe and clean, there is no guarantee that any surface, equipment or atmosphere is free from any germs, virus or other condition, and any person who voluntarily chooses to use the weight room or baseball/softball field does so at his or her own risk.

At this time, I am requesting that all participants use the east outside entrance in the alley next to the Lutheran Church. We can have no students in any other parts of the building and this rule will be strictly enforced. Once the students are assigned a group to workout with, there can be no changing. All participants are required to leave the school campus once their workout is completed. We cannot allow congregating of students on the school campus to socialize at this time. Please leave the school campus immediately, alone or with whom you traveled with prior to your lifting session. I also would like all participants to bring their own water bottle and face masks are optional. The restrooms in the locker room area will be available for usage, but nobody will have access to the locker rooms. The NSAA has made it perfectly clear that how schools operate the weight rooms and how students react to the guidelines will go a long way in the determination of fall sports. Please cooperate, be safe, and stay healthy.

Enclosed you will find the waiver needed to be signed by a parent for all weight room participants before they will be allowed to workout. Also, I have enclosed the NSAA guidelines for summer activities at a school facility.

Educationally,

Robert Gregory, Superintendent

**GENERAL LIABILITY WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
FOR FACILITY USE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

I represent that I am a legal, responsible adult. I represent and warrant that I am signing this document for myself and my children as to any facility usage on School District property to include, but not limited to, the weight room or other workout facility. I am fully aware of the risks and dangers of such usage. I understand that the usage of the weight room and workout facilities is voluntary, at my and my children's own risk, and that the School District is not responsible in any manner for my or my children's usage or any personal injury or property damage to me or my children as a result of the usage of any such facility. I further understand that I am solely responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by me or my children as a result of the usage of any such facility. I acknowledge that, in the middle of a global pandemic, there is a serious risk that, by using the facility, I or my children could contract a dangerous virus or other health condition, and that I accept this risk and nonetheless voluntarily choose to allow my children to use the facility.

In consideration of my children being allowed usage of any District property or facility during the COVID-19 pandemic and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, on behalf of myself, my children and all others who may claim by, under, or through myself I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless and do hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge the School District and all of its officers, employees, agents and assigns, and all other persons or companies from any and all claims, actions, or causes of action which I or my children now have, or which may hereafter accrue, whether for personal injury or property damage, whether known or unknown, arising out of or in any way resulting from my and/or my children's usage of any District property or facility during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the summer months of 2020.

I understand and agree that my signature below represents a signature on behalf of myself and each of my children.

Signature of each parent or guardian:

Date of Signature

Name of each child:

Youth Sports Reopening Guidelines

5/11/2020

The below guidelines lay out the planned reopening of certain youth sports. Additional guidelines for other sports will be provided as it is determined participation in those sports meet health and safety measures. Violation of these rules may mean a team is prohibited from practicing or playing games for the entire summer.

The below guidelines apply only to team sports. Individual sports such as golf and tennis (including doubles tennis) are not prohibited under any Directed Health Measure, however, participants must practice social distancing.

Month of May

- No Organized Team Sports games for youth and adults.
- No Team Organized Sports practices for youth and adults. This prohibition includes any practice, training or group exercise program organized by a coach of a sports team.
- Businesses and organizations that provide sports training AND that sell memberships to provide such training are allowed to offer sports training as long as they follow the same guidelines as fitness centers/clubs, gymnasiums, health clubs, and health spas. No team organized training is allowed.

June 1

- Schools are permitted to open weight rooms for use by all student athletes as long as they follow the same guidelines as fitness centers/clubs, gymnasiums, health clubs, and health spas.
- Team Organized practices for baseball and softball may begin unless circumstances dictate a change in date.
- Dugout use will not be allowed. Players' items should be lined up against the fence at least six (6) feet apart.
- Parents must remain in their cars or drop off and pick players up afterwards.
- Players should use their own gloves, helmets, and bats as much as possible.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring social distancing is maintained between players as much as possible. This means additional spacing between players while playing catch, changing drills so that players remain spaced out, no congregating of players while waiting to bat.
- Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume during and after practice. No shared drinking fountains or coolers.
- Players must bring their own snacks to consume during and after practice. No shared/communal snacks.
- Coaches must sanitize shared equipment before and after each practice
- Team organized practices for other sports may remain suspended

June 18

- Baseball and softball games may begin unless circumstances dictate a change in date
- Same guidelines apply as above for baseball and softball practices
- Use of dugouts is permitted during games only. Bleachers located between the dugout and home plate should also be used to spread out players. Players should have designated spots to place their personal items. Coaches must designate an adult who is responsible for ensuring players are seated on the benches unless they are actively participating in the game.

- Players should use their own gloves, helmets, and bats as much as possible.
- Fan attendance is limited to household members of the players on the team. No use of bleachers for fans. Fans must bring their own chairs or stand. Fans should keep six (6) feet of social distancing between different household units. No fan seating or standing is allowed in the area from behind home plate to six (6) feet past the far end of each dugout.
- Teams to play next must be provided designated areas for player warm-ups that provide for necessary social distancing.
- Post game handshakes or interaction between teams are prohibited.
- When games end, the leaving team must sanitize the dugout area. No post-game talks at the field are permitted. Fans and players must leave the playing area and return to their cars immediately after the game.
- The team to play next must remain in their designated warm up area until the prior team has finished sanitizing and is completely out of the dugout.
- Fans for upcoming games must remain in their cars during player warm ups. They will be permitted to come to the field once the team they are there to watch enters the dugout area.
- Restrooms must be cleaned and sanitized regularly while players and fans are present. Markings should be placed on the ground to ensure individuals waiting to use the restroom are spaced six (6) feet apart.
- Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume during and after practices and games. No shared drinking fountains or coolers.
- Players must bring their own snacks to consume during and after practice/games. No shared/communal snacks.
- Coaches must sanitize shared equipment before and after each practice and game.
- Concessions stands are not allowed to be open.
- Team organized practices and games for other sports may remain suspended.