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OSAA Golf Contingency Group Meeting

The OSAA Golf Contingency Group met on Thursday, September 10. Initially, all Season 4 contingency groups met together with OSAA Staff to initialize conversations and to understand their purpose and how we got to where we are in this process.

After initial conversations, each contingency group broke out into separate work sessions to discuss their activity individually. Three main questions were posed to begin conversations:

- 1) Plan for your school/schools in your area What are schools in your area planning for Season 1?
- 2) Modifications to practice plan What specific modifications are you considering for practices/training in order to comply with state directives?
- 3) What do culminating weeks look like What are your priorities when thinking about what the OSAA Culminating Week could look like?

Summation of Conversation:

Plan for your school/schools in your area – What are schools in your area planning for Season 1?

Overall, schools and coaches are just trying to reengage with their student-athletes and promote playing golf. As school gets started and people have a better sense of who's interested, how the school will organize/rotate practice schedules etc. there may be more organization from a school with tee times and directing kids where they could play.

Modifications to practice plan – What specific modifications are you considering for practices/training in order to comply with state directives?

Golf is one of the few sports that fits into any guidance. Courses have taken the necessary precautions with rakes in bunkers, limiting the number of people in a golf shop and communal spaces. When focusing on high school students, communication of keeping physical distance, not sharing equipment and not congregating will be continual.

What do culminating weeks look like – What are your priorities when thinking about what the OSAA Culminating Week could look like?

With Spring State Championships being cancelled in 2020, the groups ultimate goal would be to have some sort of Championship event at the conclusion of the season. With the changing landscape though, for an event happening in late June 2021, its too hard to set any determinations on how that could look, where it could be located, how its structured or who could take part. Concerns about travel, hotels and school/local restrictions were brought up along with the concern that many students in general will have graduated and moved on with life before these culminating events take place.

The Golf Contingency Group will meet again September 24 and October 8. If you would like to provide feedback to the group please contact Kyle Stanfield at kyles@osaa.org.