

5/27 XC Contingency Meeting Summary by Topic:

Thoughts on Phase 1 release:

Consensus was that the guidance was well received by schools even though many in Phase 1 are currently not engaging kids because of district policies related to COVID-19. Schools are starting to develop plans to address the health and safety components (temp check, charting, etc) in anticipation of being able to begin. Potential for OSAA to bulk purchase thermometers was discussed.

Face covering, Physical Distancing, and Group Size:

Larger group sizes will help – should be able to accommodate for face covering when appropriate and physical distancing with larger groups. Questions regarding how many groups at a site and who can work with whom during that period of time.

Worst Case Competition Scenarios:

The discussion was framed as though current guidelines regarding face covering and physical distancing were in effect throughout the season. Can we conduct invitationals? Limited to dual meets? Interval timing methods?

- General consensus that worst case the athletes would need a qualifying event and the Championships. Many of those kids who would be competing are training on their own.
- Invitationals would be problematic – smaller events much easier to administrate alternate qualifying methods.
- Potential to keep “groups” of kids together in during training – making it possible for them to run as a unit even with restrictions.
- Staggered starts are a possibility – concerns related to length of course and time needed to contest the events depending on number of teams.
- Courses would potentially have to modified to create “no passing” zones even with staggered start times.
- Not a whole lot of interest in changing sports seasons
- Some interest in potentially moving the date later into the calendar to avoid restrictions and run the Championships “normally”

Other Topics –

Coaches continue to support ways to engage kids in any way possible. Group appreciates that sports and activities are being reviewed independently. The group is hoping that all coaches understand the importance of following guidance – what happens of the next couple of months will have an impact on the Fall season.

Next Meeting:

Thursday June 10th