



## FHSAA CORONAVIRUS Update – March 16, 2020

**GAINESVILLE, FL** – The FHSAA continues to monitor developments regarding the CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) and its impact on Florida and local communities.

Schools and school districts should continue to follow state and local health department advisories regarding extracurricular activities and athletic contests.

Due to CDC recommendations and school closures, please see below for the decisions on the following FHSAA meetings:

March 18 – Winter Sports Officials Advisory Committee	Postponed until further notice
March 23 – Basketball Advisory Committee	Postponed until further notice
March 30-April 3 – Governance Elections	Postponed until further notice
April 1 – Section 2 Appeals Hearing	Postponed until May, date/location TBD
April 2 – Section 3 Appeals Hearing	Postponed until May, date/location TBD
April 3 – Section 4 Appeals Hearing	Postponed until May, date/location TBD
April 7 – Section 1 Appeals Hearing	Postponed until May, date/location TBD
April 8 – Athletic Directors Advisory Committee	via teleconference
May 18 – Tennis Advisory Committee	via teleconference
June 1 – Track & Field Advisory Committee	via teleconference

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**\*\*AT THIS TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN NO FINAL DECISIONS MADE CONCERNING STATE SERIES OR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.** Furthermore, Spring Sport rankings will not be released until further notice. As we receive information from state authorities and health departments, the FHSAA will continue to make decisions for each sport individually, moving forward. Please follow the [FHSAA](#) website for the most up-to-date information.

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**The FHSAA office will be closed March 17-27. However, staff will be working remotely and will be available during regular business hours via email. For contact information, [click here](#).**

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## Spring Sports FAQs

**1. If our school or school district has cancelled all extra-curricular activities, may we practice?**

Practice is a school and/or school district-based decision. Provided your school and/or school district permits you to do so, practices are permitted.

**2. May we continue to play games if our school or school district allows us to play?**

This is a school and/or school district-based decision. Provided your school and/or school district permits you to do so, and conditions are appropriate, returning to your regular schedule of games is permitted.

**3. What happens if my athletes do not meet the minimum contest requirements at the end of the season due to mandated cancellations?**

The Executive Director may waive the minimum contest requirement on a case-by-case basis. Each school Athletic Director should work through their sport administrator to gain approval.

**4. If we have a game scheduled and the other team does *not* agree to play or make it up, is it counted as a forfeit?**

No, if a makeup date was agreed to in your game contract, both schools will be required to uphold the contract. However, if there is no contracted makeup date and no agreement on a necessary makeup date, the game will be stricken from the



schedule and neither school will be awarded a win or a loss. We encourage all schools to work together to reach the best decision for student athletes.

**5. What is the status of the FHSAA Spring Sports State Championships?**

The FHSAA currently plans on maintaining the schedule as is, but will continue to work closely with host venues, local school districts, public health officials and our Board of Directors to help guide our decision-making process throughout the coming months. Decisions will be made in the best interest of coaches, administrators, fans and most importantly, student athletes.

**6. If we do have playoffs and championships, will playoff qualifications remain the same?**

The FHSAA plans on maintaining the current structure for seeding the district tournaments and qualification for the regional playoffs in each of the spring sports. The FHSAA will continue to monitor the situation throughout the spring season.

**7. What do we do about district planning meetings?**

All class 2A-7A basketball and soccer meetings will be moved to the fall of 2020. Schools may begin to create their regular season schedules before these meetings take place. All volleyball and class 1A basketball previously scheduled meetings will remain as scheduled. *We encourage the host schools to hold the meetings via teleconference.*

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## Florida Health Department Update

The most recent update from the Florida Department of Health states the following:

*“If you have returned from ANY international travel or a cruise within the last 14 days and you have fever, cough or shortness of breath, call your health care provider or county health department.*

*The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness. Wash your hands with soap & water. Cover your coughs & sneezes with your arm, not your hands. If you’re sick, stay at home & avoid crowds.”*