

Inter Ac League Announcement Regarding Fall Sports

Over the past several weeks, the Inter-Academic Athletic League member schools have thoughtfully discussed the importance of opening our schools safely for the fall semester, and the vital role that sports play within our school communities. In order to accomplish our goal of safely opening schools, the Inter-Academic Athletic League will delay the start of fall sports until September 14. Member schools may continue to hold strength and conditioning activities for student-athletes from August 1 through August 21. Beginning on August 22, member schools will suspend activities for a minimum of two weeks (determined at each school's discretion). Member schools may begin fall practices in preparation for League-only competition on September 14. Updated schedules for the 2020 fall season are being finalized and will be available shortly. The situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to evolve and remains very fluid. The League schools will continue to evaluate additional information as it becomes available and utilize this information to alter these plans in the best interest of the safety and welfare of our community.

Additionally, we have made the difficult decision to cancel Middle School interscholastic competition for the fall season. Each member school is developing a plan for middle school students that meets the goals of keeping our middle school students engaged, healthy, and happy. The League schools will continue to monitor and evaluate additional information as it becomes available. At this time, our plan is to maintain our winter Middle School interscholastic season. However, as the situation continues to evolve we may alter these plans in the best interest of the safety and welfare of our community.

Malvern Prep Middle School Addendum

Social and emotional connections remain a focus and a high priority for us as we navigate these challenging times. Developing leadership skills through sports and competition also remains a priority. Providing opportunities for physical conditioning and activity is a critical piece to mental health as well.

For all of these reasons, we are committed to athletic programs this year for MS students to compete in an intramural style league complete with championships, skill development, and camaraderie. We are finalizing plans for Brotherhood Days, as well as intramural seasons and activities for middle school students. As soon as we have this finalized, we will add the communication to the Malvern GPS Guide.

Malvern Prep Upper School Addendum

The Inter Ac has been working to maintain consistency in how we return to play, with the hopes that our deliberate process will give us a better chance of having a fall season. Malvern Prep Fall Upper School Interscholastic Athletic Programs will continue to offer voluntary conditioning under our [Green Phase Guidelines](#) until August 28th. (Note: guidelines and timing may be different for Rowing and Rugby as they are not Inter Ac sports - stay tuned for updates.)

*The Inter Ac is enforcing a “dead” period for all schools for a period of two weeks between August 22nd - September 13th. **Malvern Prep has defined their “dead” period from August 29th-September 13th.** This means that inter ac sports will be prohibited from any workout or practices during that time. The spirit of the dead period is to allow schools to focus on safe openings on their campuses and lessen the occurrence of larger groups gathering right after school so that the chances of COVID-19 being spread are mitigated. ((Note: guidelines and timing may be different for Rowing and Rugby as they are not Inter Ac sports - stay tuned for updates.)*

If there are updates to any of this information, it will be posted in the Malvern Prep GPS Guide.