

September 25, 2020

Dear Community Member,

As many of you are aware, Section One Athletics has approved Varsity Cross Country, Soccer, and Tennis to begin practice on Tuesday, September 29. Varsity Football and Volleyball are postponed to a Fall Season II per the schedule below.

The Section One guidelines for practice and competition have fluctuated rapidly over the past few weeks, and I am thankful that Dave Goddard, our Interim Athletic Director, is helping us navigate these changes. Please see the attached NYSPHSAA Section One press release issued yesterday.

Please review the following important information regarding the start of fall athletics at Haldane.

**Section One updates:**

- Fall Season I Modified Sports, including Cross Country, Soccer, and Tennis, are cancelled.
- Fall Season I Varsity athletes must wear masks during practice and competition, unless a player cannot tolerate a mask during game play.
- A Section-wide spectator policy will be adopted prior to the first competition.

We are in the process of finalizing several health and safety procedures in anticipation of athletics competitions beginning in a few weeks. These include the completion of daily health screenings for visiting students and spectators, transportation procedures for away games, and the use of locker rooms. Additionally, the cleaning procedures for all equipment will be finalized next week.

Students who have completed their registrations for Cross Country, Soccer, and Tennis will receive practice schedules from their coaches.

This year, the athletics seasons are scheduled to begin as follows:

Fall Season I - Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis: September 29

Winter Sports - Basketball, Indoor Track, Ice Hockey: November 30

Fall Season II - Football, Volleyball: March 1

Spring Sports - Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Lacrosse, Golf: April 19

While the look and feel of athletics will be different this year, we are committed to supporting our Haldane Blue Devil athletes in a safe and healthy return to play.

Sincerely,

Phil Benante, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools

Estimado miembro de la comunidad,

Como muchos de ustedes saben, la Sección Uno de Atletismo ha aprobado Varsity Cross Country, Soccer y Tennis para comenzar a practicar el martes 29 de septiembre. Varsity Football y Voleibol se posponen a una temporada de otoño II según el calendario a continuación.

Las pautas de la Sección Uno para la práctica y la competencia han fluctuado rápidamente durante las últimas semanas, y estoy agradecido de que Dave Goddard, nuestro Director Atlético Interino, nos esté ayudando a navegar estos cambios. Consulte el comunicado de prensa adjunto de la Sección Uno de la NYSPHSAA emitido ayer.

Revise la siguiente información importante sobre el inicio de los deportes de otoño en Haldane.

Actualizaciones de la sección uno:

Los deportes modificados de la temporada I de otoño, incluidos el campo a través, el fútbol y el tenis, están cancelados.

Los atletas del equipo universitario de la temporada de otoño I deben usar máscaras durante la práctica y la competencia, a menos que un jugador no pueda tolerar una máscara durante el juego.

Se adoptará una política de espectadores para toda la Sección antes de la primera competencia.

Estamos en el proceso de finalizar varios procedimientos de salud y seguridad en previsión de las competencias de atletismo que comenzarán en unas pocas semanas. Estos incluyen la realización de exámenes de salud diarios para los estudiantes visitantes y los espectadores, los procedimientos de transporte para los juegos fuera de casa y el uso de los vestuarios. Además, los procedimientos de limpieza de todo el equipo finalizarán la próxima semana.

Los estudiantes que hayan completado sus inscripciones para Cross Country, Soccer y Tennis recibirán horarios de práctica de sus entrenadores.

Este año, las temporadas de atletismo están programadas para comenzar de la siguiente manera:

Temporada de otoño I: campo a través, fútbol, tenis: 29 de septiembre

Deportes de invierno: baloncesto, pista cubierta, hockey sobre hielo: 30 de noviembre

Temporada de otoño II - Fútbol, voleibol: 1 de marzo

Deportes de primavera: béisbol, sóftbol, pista y campo, lacrosse, golf: 19 de abril

Si bien la apariencia del atletismo será diferente este año, estamos comprometidos a apoyar a nuestros atletas de Haldane Blue Devil en un regreso seguro y saludable al juego.

Sinceramente,

Phil Benante, Ed. RE.

Superintendente de escuelas



## News Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Section One Executive Committee continues planning for the upcoming start to Fall sports, Girls Swimming moved to Fall Season II

**HARRISON, N.Y.** — On Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) met for the second time this school year and continued discussions pertaining to the start of the fall interscholastic athletics season. With a wide range of topics concerning the 82 member schools discussed, a number of proposals important to the region were voted upon.

Through consultation with the Girls Swimming & Diving Sport Chairpersons, local Athletic Administrators, and with the recommendation of the Section One Athletic Council, the Executive Committee approved the postponement of Girls Swimming & Diving. Driving the decision to move the Girls Swimming & Diving season to Fall Season II, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, was the uncertainty surrounding the availability of pool facilities throughout the region.

The Section One Executive Committee accepted and approved the Athletic Council's recommendation to cancel the "Fall Season I" modified sports season. The support for this recommendation was the result of data collected from the Lower Hudson Valley Council of School Superintendents along with input from Athletic Administrators throughout Section One. During the traditional Fall season, individual districts will be permitted to facilitate intramural programs at the local level.



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Discussions are ongoing regarding the authorization of off-season conditioning workouts in Section One. The reopening of schools and a safe and successful start to the fall season is the primary focus for member districts at this time. The Executive Committee intends to revisit the authorization of off-season conditioning as well as the adoption of a Section wide spectator policy at their October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*The Center for Interscholastic Athletics, a division of Southern Westchester BOCES, serves 82 high schools in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties, providing support with the organization and management of athletic programs. Section One is part of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc., a non-profit organization that provides equitable and safe competition for the students of public, private and parochial member schools.*

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