

Please see the information below which addresses a number of questions that we have received regarding recent TSSAA Board of Control action and Governor Lee's latest Executive Order.

### **Cancellation of Contests due to COVID 19**

Games cancelled due to COVID 19 shall be treated as follows:

**Football** - TSSAA Regulations require teams to play a district/region schedule for playoff purposes. Regular season standings and the building of postseason brackets are done by TSSAA staff which creates the need for consistency on how cancellations are handled. Therefore, the following procedures are in place when a team is unable to play due to a COVID 19 outbreak or school system mandate.

1. **Region Game-** The game will go on record as a no contest for the school that is unable to play due to the outbreak or school system mandate. The school that could have played will receive a region win and overall win in the standings if the school can not replace the game with a new opponent on the same week it was originally scheduled to occur. If the school that could have played does replace the game with another opponent on the same week it was originally scheduled to occur, the school receives a Region win in the standings and the outcome of the game will be used in the overall standings.
2. **Non Region Game-** The game will go on record as a no contest for the school that is unable to play due to the outbreak or school system mandate. The school that could have played will receive a win in the overall standings if the game is not replaced. If the school that could play does replace the game with another opponent, the outcome of the game will be used in the overall standings.

**All other Sports** - TSSAA Regulations do not require schools to play a district or region schedule in order to determine who advances to the postseason. Individual districts have always had the autonomy to decide how to treat games that are not played for whatever reason (flu, weather, etc.)

**Contracts** - If a game is cancelled due to COVID-19 and there is a written contract outlining the terms for cancellation, the contract for that game is no longer binding. Disputes over terms of the contract shall be resolved by the schools involved.

### **Temperature Checks**

- Schools who check temperatures of students upon their arrival at school may use this temperature check to fulfill the requirement of checking the temperature of each athlete prior to practice and competition.

- Visiting schools will be responsible for their own temperature checks of participating teams, coaches and their team party prior to leaving their campus to travel to their opponent's campus. The home team's administration or coach should verify with the visiting team's administration or coach that proper temperature checks have taken place. The home team shall not be responsible for conducting temperature checks of the visiting team party.
- Officials association leaders have been told to have officials check with school personnel regarding procedures to have their temperature checked, dressing room availability, mask policies for officials prior to the contest, and other logistical questions 24 - 48 hours prior to their scheduled contest.

### **Football Team Box Area**

- There will be no adjustments made to the length of the team box area. We strongly recommend that school officials limit non - essential personnel.

### **Locker Room Access**

- We encourage schools to communicate with each other prior to each contest regarding access to locker rooms, alternative dressing facilities, and other logistical challenges that are unique to the site of the contest.

### **Admission for Visiting Team Fans**

- It should be communicated early if seating/tickets will be limited for visiting team fans. Plans should be discussed by school administrators well before the date of the scheduled contest to prevent unnecessary travel for fans who can not be admitted.

### **Cheerleaders**

- TSSAA Regulations require that cheerleaders maintain a proper social distance during contests unless stunting, but masks are not required.

### **Marching Band**

- TSSAA Regulations require that band members maintain a proper social distance during contests unless performing on the field, but masks are not required.

### **Contact Sports not in Season (Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer)**

- All contact sports may resume practice with contact provided that it is allowed by the TSSAA Sports Calendar.

### **Preseason Scrimmages/Practice with Other Schools (All Sports)**

- All preseason scrimmages and practices involving more than one school are prohibited during the 2020-2021 school year.

**COVID 19 Signage for Schools**

- Symptoms Checklist, Capacity Signs, Temperature Check Requirements are all available for print at the following link:

<https://cms-files.tssaa.org/documents/tssaa/COVID-19-Signage-for-Schools.pdf>