



CHELSEA

SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

740 N. Freer Road
Chelsea, MI 48118
P: 734.433.2244
F: 734.433.2211
www.chelsea.k12.mi.us

Bulldog Parents and Student-Athletes:

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. I wanted to take a few minutes to update everyone on the status of athletics for this fall. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. Our number one goal is to have our athletics program operate as safely as possible this fall while giving our students the opportunity to participate. We will follow all of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's guidelines, as well as our school district policies. The MHSAA has worked closely with the governor's office to develop protocols. We have been following these during our high school summer workouts. These will continue this fall.

I want to remind everyone to please be flexible. Things will be ever-changing. We will be responsive to the directives of the governor and the MHSAA. We will do everything we can to provide a great experience for our athletes.

High School Athletics:

Aug. 12: Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Girls Swim and Dive, and Boys Tennis will begin practice. They are free to compete and play the schedule as posted on our website. There will be some changes in the schedule and restrictions in some of the competition limits. These are all available on the MHSAA website on the individual sport pages.

Aug. 12: Boys Soccer, Girls Field Hockey, and Volleyball will begin practice. Competition start dates will be announced by the MHSAA. Any changes to the competition dates of our teams will be posted on our website and social media. There will be some changes in the schedule and restrictions in some competition limits. These are all available on the MHSAA website on the individual sport pages.

Aug. 10: Football starts practice with a phased-in approach. The first week will be without pads. They will wear helmets only. The week of Aug. 17 will be with pads. A decision on the first game date will be made on Aug. 20 by the MHSAA. The schedule is still set and posted on our website at chelseabulldogs.net. If there are any changes, we will post them to our website and social media.

Boys Water Polo will compete in the spring season. Water Polo is NOT an MHSAA sport. Their governing body made the decision to delay the season.

Equestrian has started its season. Equestrian is NOT an MHSAA sport. They are following the guidelines of their governing body.

There will NOT be any interscholastic scrimmages in any sports this fall.

I know many of you have questions regarding some of the details. I will try to address some of the bigger picture questions. I am having a team meeting with each program. These meetings are for athletes and parents. I hope in these Zoom meetings I can address sport-specific questions for everyone.

Will we have middle school athletics?

Yes. It is our intention to have our regular middle school offerings. More information will be available soon. We plan to start our middle school program on Aug. 31.

Will we have spectators in the stands?

We will follow all of the governor's mandates on crowd size. We expect to have SIGNIFICANT LIMITATIONS on spectators.



CHELSEA

SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

740 N. Freer Road
Chelsea, MI 48118
P: 734.433.2244
F: 734.433.2211
www.chelsea.k12.mi.us

Will competitions be live-streamed to watch online? *We are working on this. We hope to be able to stream some of our athletic events via the NFHS Network (subscription required) or via Periscope/Twitter or Facebook Live. There are still many details to work out on this. Some venues are much easier than others to live stream events. Stay tuned.*

What do I need to do on Final Forms?

ALL athletes must update their Final Forms account before they can practice on the first day of practice. If you have a physical on file from last year all you need to do is update your account. On that account is the MHSAA Health Assessment form. This must be filled out before the start of practice. This does NOT require a doctor to fill it out. Final Forms can be accessed on our website chesleabulldogs.net. Go to the Final Forms tab.

Are gyms and pools open?

*At this time, they are **NOT** open per the directive of the governor. The MHSAA is expecting some direction from the governor's office this week. We must have them open for swim and volleyball to practice. We expect when they are opened by the governor it will be on a very limited basis.*

When my athlete reports for practice what should they know?

- *All athletes must bring their own water bottles. Please put their name on it. We will have water available for them to fill it up if necessary.*
- *If the athlete wants a towel, they must bring that as well.*
- *There will be VERY LIMITED locker room access. They must come ready for practice. Please shower as soon as returning home.*
- *Our athletic trainer will be available. We will do any evaluations and taping outside under a tent. We are asking students to look into purchasing ankle braces if they normally get taped. We will have information on this in the first week of practice. Taping will be available if necessary. He will have the tent set up at the football stadium but will have a golf cart to move between venues.*
- *PLEASE check your final forms account before the first day of practice.*
- *ALL athletes must wear a face covering when they come to practice. They will be given a short health screen before we start each day and attendance will always be taken. Please support us in making sure your son or daughter always has a face covering that is worn properly.*

I want to thank all of our coaches for their hard work this summer. We are all in this together!

Go Bulldogs!

Brad Bush
Athletic Director
Chelsea High School