



September 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After reviewing the final guidelines from the MPA, we have determined how to proceed with fall sports at GSA in a manner consistent with our on-campus health and safety guidelines. Our plan allows progress of some kind for all four sports, and it enables our athletes to experience most of the benefits that we all know come from participating in athletics. Thank you for your patience as we waited for the state and MPA to clarify the fall sports guidelines.

GSA Fall Sports Plan

GOLF: Full participation interscholastically following the MPA's added safety protocols.

CROSS COUNTRY: Full participation interscholastically following the MPA's added safety protocols.

SOCCER: Team-oriented activities as permitted over the summer: individual skills and workouts, **no contact**, proper distancing, no sharing of equipment, no competition. Later in the fall, we will explore the possibility of limited regional competition following the MPA's safety protocols if the public health situation warrants it.

VOLLEYBALL: Outdoor team activities with masks, such as skill-building drills and conditioning, with proper distancing and **no contact**. Later in the fall, we will explore the possibility of limited regional competition if the public health situation warrants it.

FOR ALL SPORTS

- No indoor activities. If the weather is bad, all practices will be cancelled.
- No spectators at practices or any competitions.

This Week's Practice Schedule

Practices will begin September 15. Information about practices will be added to the Fall Sports Practice Calendar on our website, but here is a summary of practice information for this week.

GOLF will practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 5-7 P.M., at the Blue Hill Country Club. The details of a Friday match against Deer Isle-Stonington High School are not yet available, but will be announced by coaches later this week.

CROSS COUNTRY will practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 2:45-4:15 P.M. starting on the front lawn.

GIRLS' SOCCER will practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 3:30-5 P.M. at the GSA Athletic Fields.

BOYS' SOCCER will practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 4:30-6 P.M. at the GSA Athletic Fields.

VOLLEYBALL will practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 4:30-6 P.M. by the GSA tennis courts.

Athletes will be screened by their coaches each day. If your child would like to participate in fall athletics but has not signed up, please review the requirements for participation available online at www.georgestevensacademy.org/athletics. Complete the formleaf.com forms near the bottom of that page as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Seeley

Head of School