

2020-2021

ACEL Basketball Plan

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COVID-19

See ***Guidance for ACEL Sanctioned Contests During COVID-19*** available on the website for ACEL COVID guidelines for all ACEL events.

- Maintaining published state championship dates (and thereby not overlapping sports) is the primary consideration in our COVID planning for fall and winter sports.

- It is expected that games will be cancelled due to illness this season. Therefore, there will be no penalty for games that cannot be completed by the end of the season due to COVID-19. Prompt communication is required! Teams that fail to show for games without communicating with their opponent in a reasonable amount of time WILL be fined \$500 and the game will be recorded as a forfeit.

Districts

Districts are only loosely geographical. Teams with both varsity boys and varsity girls were grouped together first and then disbursed evenly into two separate districts. (Note: There is one less girls' varsity team per district than last year).

Scheduling Priorities

1. In-district games were assigned on Tuesdays with a couple of Fridays used as needed for larger districts. A few out-of-district games were assigned on Tuesdays when teams were geographically close to each other.
2. Out-of-district varsity girls' games were assigned next so that all varsity girls' teams play all out-of-district opponents once. (Home and away games were traded from last year.)
3. Out-of-district JV boys games followed, again, with all teams playing out of district opponents once.
4. Finally, varsity boys' teams were used to fill the remaining dates.

All varsity teams are within 1 game of the highest total games in their district and within two games of the highest game total across the league.

All teams play everyone in their district twice and all out-of-district opponents once with the exception of varsity boys' that play most out-of-district opponents. Home/away games were traded for out-of-district opponents played last year. Every effort was made to give varsity boys' teams opponents that they did not play last season.

Jv only teams & Jv only contests

Beginning this season, organizations may commit a Jv team without a corresponding varsity team. Please make note that there is a JV only team on this season's schedule. Contests with JV only teams will be JV only. No varsity game is scheduled on those dates for teams with both Jv and varsity.

Playoffs/ State Championship

It is expected that some teams may complete a nearly full schedule while others may not due to COVID-19. To cope with these expected inequities, playoffs will be an open tournament bracket for any ACEL team that wants to participate. Playoff seeding will be by power points. Playoffs will take place February 1-9 for varsity boys, Jv boys, varsity girls and Jv girls with highest seed hosting playoff games.

State Championship

Only JV championship game at State

In an effort to shorten the length of our State Championship events, only the Jv championship game will be played at the state tournament beginning in 2020-21. Facility availability is the primary reason for the change. Sports such as basketball, with both girls' and boys' Jv divisions, require two full days of facility access to accommodate Jv playoffs within the state tournament. Even sports with only single Jv divisions require start times on Friday before the end of the school day making the use of high school facilities difficult.

It is hoped that this change will give us greater flexibility and thus more options in facilities for our state championship events, while also helping our member organizations that have requested later start times for these events.

All-State Voting Changes

There have been significant changes to our All-State Voting procedures. Please make certain to review the changes in the ACEL rules. All organizations committed to each sport are required to attend All-State voting this year. There is a \$500 fine for failure to attend.

MaxPreps

Please upload stats to MaxPreps routinely throughout the season. Waiting until the end of the season makes it difficult for our other teams to link to your schedule and for stat reporting to be transparent.

ACEL Standing Rules

Changes/amendments for 2020-2021

Changes and amendments to ACEL standing rules are available for download from the Rules tab on our website, theacel.com.

The ACEL defaults to the rules and regulations set by the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) in all instances not addressed in the ACEL Standing Rules or in the published plan for each sport.