



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



To: MIAA Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Tara Bennett, MIAA Director of Communications
Re: February 8, 2021 Update on MA EEA Guidelines
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The MA Energy and Environmental Affairs Office (EEA) provided today a revision to the WORKPLACE SAFETY and REOPENING STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES and OTHER ENTITIES PROVIDING YOUTH and ADULT AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES, Phase III Step 1 document. These updates go into effect February 8, 2021.

Here is a summary of the updates for our Membership:

- **Sport & Recreational Activities Allowed by Risk Level During Phase III, Step I**
 - Competitive cheer and pair figure skating have been included in the Higher Risk moderate contact category. This is an improvement from the previous identified category of High Risk sustained contact.
 - Football and Rugby may conduct Level 1 play indoors but must only engage in Level 2 and 3 activities outdoors.
 - Level 1 play is defined: Individuals or socially distanced group activities (non-contact workouts, aerobic conditioning, individual skill work, and drills)
- **Safety Standards For Play**
 - Races that typically start or finish together, when indoors, should be in every other lane to allow for six feet of distancing between participants at the start.
- **Indoor and Outdoor Facility Capacity and Spectator Limits**
 - Capacity limit is 40% maximum occupancy for indoor facilities.
 - Spectators are limited to two adults (parents/guardians or chaperones) and siblings of the participating player indoors *and* outdoors.
 - EEA has removed specific numbers related to surface limits and instead schools should be guided by social distancing guidelines and facility capacity when determining appropriate numbers on a surface. MIAA sport specific roster and participant limits must be followed.

Additional sport clarifications are being organized and will be provided in the MIAA Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Athletics in 2020-2021 shortly.

The MA EEA guidelines are the minimum standard for school districts to adhere to. Final decision on sport participation and guidelines are held at the local level in coordination with local Boards of Health.

Below are links to important informational documents:

[Updated EEA Guidelines – February 8, 2021](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health Guidance](#)

[MIAA COVID-19 Task Force Website](#)

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