



HOBAN ATHLETICS RESPONSIBLE WINTER 2020 SEASON

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A LETTER FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Parents, Guardians, Coaches and Student Athletes,

We have been working extremely hard to make sure that Hoban Athletics operate in a responsible matter. We are learning and adjusting as we go and get more information. The health and wellbeing of our athletes, coaches and their families is our priority. We know you have lots of questions and are looking for information. All Hoban Athletic guidelines are based off the recommendations by the Governor of Ohio, the OHSAA and Summit County Health Department recommendations.

The success of Winter Athletic Programs will be determined by how we all respond to these guidelines. We can not control what others do, but we can control what we do. Winter sports are all indoors which demands us to be overly cautious.

Please be diligent about wearing a mask, washing hands and social distancing.

Parents, guardians and coaches: How seriously we as adults approach this, will have an effect on how seriously our student-athletes follow protocols. It is for teenagers to maintain social distancing...It's counter intuitive. We need to be vigilant about enforcing social distancing and mask wearing compliance.

Schedules may be changing often. We promise to do our best to communicate things as soon as possible. Please follow your programs main communication method. If you do not have Twitter, now might be a good time to create an account and follow @HobanAthletics as well as your programs account if they have one. The Athletic Office will make every effort to post information regarding schedule changes. Please look for updates and information from your coaches on transportation, meals etc.

Student Athletes: If at anytime you do not feel comfortable participating under these unprecedented circumstance, a decision to remove yourself from a roster will be respected.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email. 330-773-9107 tyrrellt@hoban.org

Sincerely,

Tim Tyrrell, AD



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COACHES OVERVIEW

- Every coach will undergo A DAILY SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT before any interaction with Hoban Student Athletes.
- **ATTENDANCE AND ASSESSMENTS MUST BE ENTERED INTO FINAL FORMS DAILY.**
- Coaches MUST always wear a mask while on campus or when traveling to and from athletic events using school transportation.
- Coaches should maintain 6-foot social distancing guidelines whenever possible.
- Coaches will limit the amount of time athletes are in a locker room at one time to no more than 15 min.
- Coaches will limit the number of athletes in a locker room at one time based on space and the ability to social distance.
- All half time mtgs. will happen in your designated area for gymnasium events.
- Practices are CLOSED to parents or anyone outside of the program.
- If a student does not follow Hoban's guidelines, you will dismiss them *immediately* from participating in any training for the remainder of the day with a phone call to their parent.
- Any athlete that exhibits any symptoms during a session will:
 - Be dismissed immediately with a phone call to their parent.
 - If an athlete needs to wait for a parent pickup, a coach should safely direct them to the isolation areas that have been set up for each facility.
 - A signed release from a doctor is required before they can return to participate in any athletic program - if a positive test - follow new Medical Release Requirements.
 - Coaches are responsible for contacting school administration and the athletic office immediately should any athlete exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or have a temperature of 100 or above when assessed.



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STUDENT-ATHLETE OVERVIEW

- ATTENDANCE AND A DAILY SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT will be done and recorded for every athlete by the Head Trainer or a coach before being allowed to participate in any Hoban athletic activity.
- If you feel sick – stay home.
- If you know you have been exposed to someone with COVID – stay home, contact your coach, and follow Hoban guidelines.
- Athletes must park in designated areas, enter and exit the field as directed.
- Athletes should maintain 6-foot distancing when not actively participating in physical activity whenever possible
- Masks are **mandatory** into, out of, and on all campus facilities unless you are actively engaged in physical activity.
- Masks will always be required to be worn in any athletic transportation vehicle.
- Be prepared - there is no water available at any Hoban facility – please make sure you have enough water for your full training. **LABEL your water bottle or any other equipment you bring** with your name.
- Follow coach instructions on locker room use and storage of any personal belongings.
- Any athlete that has ANY symptoms, will be asked to leave the facility immediately.
- **If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 a physician signed medical clearance that includes language regarding *Myocarditis risk assessment and clearance*.**
- Clearance documents will be reviewed by an Athletic Trainer prior to an athlete being allowed to participate.
- Any athlete that does not follow the guidelines communicated will immediately be dismissed from participation for the day.
- SOCIAL MEDIA: BE SMART. What you post is a reflection on you and on Hoban.



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PARENT AND GUARDIAN NON-CONTEST OVERVIEW

- **IMPORTANT** - Check the website often, fully read information provided from Hoban Administration, the coaches or the athletic office staff.
- **ALL PRACTICES ARE CLOSED**. If you need to stay on campus during a training or practice, parents must always wait in their vehicles.
- Only the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director can approve a non-Hoban Staff member to be in / on a campus facility under the following guidelines:
 - ATTENDANCE AND A DAILY SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT, including your temperature, will be done for everyone and anyone that enters any Hoban facility.
 - MASKS MUST ALWAYS BE WORN INTO AND OUT OF, AND WHILE IN ANY HOBAN FACILITY
- If you don't feel well, please stay home. If a temperature of 100 or above is read, entrance is not permitted, and you should follow Summit County Health Department guidelines for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Parents that are not compliant with the Hoban Athletic Office guidelines at any event will be asked to leave and/or escorted off Hoban property.
- Facility guidelines are detailed on corresponding links and should be *read thoroughly*.
- There will be NO reentrance at any athletic contest at Hoban due to new e-ticketing policies. Plan accordingly.
- **If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 a physician signed medical clearance that includes language regarding *Myocarditis risk assessment and clearance*.**
- Clearance documents will be reviewed by an Athletic Trainer prior to an athlete being allowed to participate.



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EVENT / CONTEST OVERVIEW

- **SPECTATORS:**

- ATTENDANCE AND A DAILY SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT, including your temperature, will be done for everyone and anyone that enters any Hoban facility.
- If you don't feel well, stay home.
- If a temperature of 100° F or above is read, you will be asked to leave and should follow Summit County Health Department guidelines for COVID-19 symptom positivity.
- Spectators that are not compliant with the Hoban Athletic Office guidelines at any event will be asked to leave and/or escorted off Hoban property.
- Facility guidelines are detailed on corresponding tab and *should be read thoroughly*.

- **TICKETING:**

- Hoban has moved to ALL online e-ticketing.
- ALL regular season home tickets will need to be purchased in advance online:
 - <https://www.hoban.org/athletics/fan-zone/ticket-information>
- Away Games: The Athletic Office will communicate information with head coaches for regular season away games and tournaments.
- Ticketing Guidelines are detailed on a corresponding tab and *should be read thoroughly*.



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HOME TICKETING OVERVIEW

- BEGINNING THIS YEAR - Hoban Athletics has moved to all Online Ticketing.
- <https://www.hoban.org/athletics/fan-zone/ticket-information>
- All tickets must be ordered online prior to being admitted.
- There will be no cash or checks exchanged for tickets.
- There will be no tickets available at the gates – you must log in to purchase an online ticket.
- Codes for tickets will be distributed to families once the season begins.
- There will be no re-entry to any events. An accurate attendance record is mandatory for Hoban to be compliant with local health department requirements.
- Once a ticket is scanned it will become invalid and will not be able to be reused for re-entrance.
- All admission will be \$8
- There is a limited number of tickets that will be made available based on facility size.
- **Gymnasium Events:**
 - Families of rostered players will be able to purchase 2 tickets.
 - Freshman families will be included when there is a match for all three program levels.



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CONTESTS - GYMNASIUM FACILITY OVERVIEW

- **EVERYONE MUST ALWAYS WEAR A MASK INTO AND OUT OF, AND WHILE AT ANY HOBAN FACILITY**
- All spectators will undergo assessment screening and have their temperatures checked before entering any Hoban facility. Temperatures must be below 100° F for admission.
- ENTER DOOR #3 Alumni Gym Signage - ALL SPECTATORS MUST enter using these doors.
- EXIT DOOR #2 Barry Gymnasium Signage - ALL SPECTATORS MUST exit using these doors.
- 6 FEET - EVERYONE must always adhere to six-foot distancing guidelines while at Hoban.
- Spectators should follow facility signage for instructions.
- Seating is marked on the bleachers. Please sit in an open, unmarked seat.
- There will be no ticket sales on campus. ALL tickets must be purchased online. Please see the corresponding link on ticketing.
- The bleachers behind the player benches are CLOSED. These seats are reserved for the players, coaches and necessary event workers, allowing athletes to maintain a safe distance from spectators.
- Hoban families will have access to the bleachers opposite the players benches, and if necessary, on the stage for tri-matches.
- Visitor seating will be in the balcony only.
- Concession Stands will *not* be opened this year.
- Spectators must leave the building immediately after an event. No loitering at any time in the gym, concourse or parking lots.
- Athletes will NOT be permitted to return to the gymnasium after any contest.



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IN HOUSEHOLD WITH CONFIRMED CASE

- Any athlete or coach that lives with someone or has been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 should remain home for 14 days from last day of contact with symptomatic individual.

HAS SYMPTOMS

- Any athlete or coach that exhibits any symptoms associated with COVID-19 will immediately be dismissed from participation from their scheduled activity.
- Unfortunately, this may include symptoms associated with allergies or other illnesses unrelated to COVID-19.
- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Hoban will follow the list of symptoms as indicated by OHSAA and the Ohio Department of Health.

CONFIRMED CASES

- Any athlete or coach that has a confirmed case of COVID-19 should contact their local health department, school administration and your coach immediately, and follow the guidelines provided.
- Hoban Athletics will maintain a complete record of coaches, players and employees present at each event to include the date, symptom assessment checklist, beginning and ending time of each event, along with names, addresses and phone contact. All of this will be made available upon request to the local health department.



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RETURN TO PARTICIPATION – Positive Test Or Symptoms

As of 10.06.20 –Summit County Public Health Dept. Guidelines:

- Athletes and Coaches must stay home for 10 Days since symptoms first appeared
- AND until no Fever for 24 hours
- AND until there is improvement of all symptoms
- AND until they have Medical Clearance to participate.
- Clearance documents will be reviewed by an Athletic Trainer prior to an athlete being allowed to participate.

MYOCARDITIS

WHAT IS IT?

- Inflammation of the heart muscle which increases risk of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, the leading cause of death in young athletes.
- COVID-19 increases your risk of having Myocarditis.
- **ATHLETES THAT TEST POSITIVE MUST** provide a medical release to participate that **includes language regarding assessment for Myocarditis.**
- Athletes with symptoms (but do not have a Positive COVID-19 test result) are encouraged to be evaluated for Myocarditis by a physician.



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COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Will parents be able to attend games?

A: *Spectators are limited to 15% capacity by the Governor of Ohio, Summit County Health Department and OHSAA. We are limiting tickets to 2 per player, as we did with Volleyball. Please reference information sent by the Athletic Office regarding seating and other policies / procedures.*

Q: Will extra tickets be available for grandparents / friends?

A: *There will be no additional tickets available for any general public.*

Q: Do Athletes have to wear masks?

A: *Athletes need to have a face mask on when they are not actively participating in an event / training / practice. This includes while on the bench during a game, at halftime, and while coming in and out of ALL facilities on or off campus. During an event, if an athlete is off the court, out of the pool, off a lane, wrestling mat, etc. for more than a few minutes, they can take a minute or two to recover, and then should put on their mask. Why? This is mandated by the OHSAA, the Governor of Ohio and the Summit County Health Dept.*

Q: How will the Hybrid school schedule affect my student-athlete on competition days if they are on a remote learning day? **A:**

- *Buses will not leave Hoban if an athlete is coming from home to travel with the team.*
- *The Athletic Director has communicated with coaches that there should be no consequences for athletes who are late due to the remote learning schedule.*
- *Should there be a circumstance when remote learners would need to be dismissed from an online class early, the coach will communicate arrangements with the team. Parents/Athletes should not request early dismissal for their students. This will be done through the Athletic Office and coaches only.*
- *Coaches will communicate their options for their team regarding meeting at a hosting site OR meeting at Hoban to travel as a team.*
- *We DO NOT want student-athletes or parents speeding or feeling anxiety/stress about getting somewhere from home if they are on a remote learning schedule.*
- *COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR COACHES so they know of any issues.*



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COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS CONTINUED

Q: What is the procedure for coming on campus after school for remote learners?

A:

- *Assessments will be done when a student-athlete arrives on campus from home.*
- *On campus contests, students should follow the same directions as if they were coming to a practice.*
- *Student-Athletes coming from home should arrive dressed and ready for their event.*
- *Social Distance, wear a mask in and out of any Hoban facility, stay home if you don't feel well.*

Q: What are the procedures for student-athletes that are on campus?

A:

- *Assessments will not need to be done a second time UNLESS they are leaving for an offsite event.*
- *All student-athletes must wait in the cafeteria until 15 minutes before a scheduled practice time. Coaches will unlock locker rooms at that time so they can quickly change. Locker rooms are not being used for teams after school as a meeting area.*
- *Coaches will communicate game day information.*
- *The cubby room is open to store equipment. They can walk through the cubby room to get their equipment or bags.*

Q: What happens if someone on the team tests positive or someone in their household tests positive?

A:

- *A positive test for an athlete or anyone a Hoban Student-Athlete lives with needs to be reported IMMEDIATELY to Tim Lucey, Associate Principal, and the Head Coach.*
- ***An athlete who tests positive** must quarantine for 10 days from when symptoms first appeared.*
- *Administration will use attendance and symptom assessment data, communication with coaches and the athletic office to determine if there was significant contact with the individual to quarantine part of or all of a program.*
- *An athlete who has **a household member test positive** must self-quarantine for 14 days from the last day of contact with the individual that tested positive.*
- *Team members and coaches should diligently self-monitor for symptoms of COVID.*
- *If a student-athlete tests positive they must be cleared by a physician before they can return to their athletic program. **This clearance must include verification that they athlete has been assessed for Myocarditis***