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## UPDATE ON FALL 2020 NMAA SPORTS IN NEW MEXICO

Per the NM Governor's Office Announcement today, October 8, 2020 at 3 pm announcing that all Fall sports will be postponed until the Spring semester of 2021 in the State of NM.

Also, the NMAA has released a statement "NMAA FORCED TO POSTPONE FALL SPORTS DUE TO GOVERNOR'S ORDERS" released October 8, 2020.

For SFIS students this means that SFIS <u>may</u> participate in all sports next semester starting with basketball Jan. 4, 2021, followed by all fall sports (FB, XC, VB and Soccer) in the beginning of March 2021 and then Spring sports (Softball, Baseball and Track) starting in the beginning of May 2021. This is dependent on the status of the COVID-19 virus and State Guidelines on reopening of Sports.

If you have currently started playing at your home district school for Volleyball or Cross Country, you may continue workouts with that team if you wish and if the home district allows you to do so. If SFIS participates in sports in 2021 you must return to our SFIS teams to participate, and if we are not participating in the sport you can play at your home district school.

Decisions on the start of Basketball will be made close to the end of the 2020 Fall semester and will be based on the status of our campus being opened, dorm availability, transportation availability, Tribal Governors, Board of Trustees, and Administrative input with the safety of students and staff will serve as our Opening guide.

If you have questions please email SFIS Athletic Director Eric Brock at <u>efbrock@sfis.k12.nm.us</u> or call 505-989-6350.

Respectfully,

Eric Brock, Athletic Director

NMAA Statement and this letter will be on our SFIS Website.



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## **News Announcement**

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## NMAA FORCED TO POSTPONE FALL SPORTS DUE TO GOVERNOR'S ORDERS

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – Due to the announcement from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham that interscholastic athletics cannot take place during the Fall Semester because of COVID-19 related public health concerns, the New Mexico Activities Association has been forced to postpone its Volleyball, Cross Country, and Fall Golf seasons.

"This is an extremely sad day for students across New Mexico," said NMAA Executive Director Sally Marquez. "We were planning and hoping to begin competition this month as our member schools are eager to safely integrate sports and activities back in to our students' lives. At this point, however, we cannot stage any competitive events without an update to the current public health order. Thus, the NMAA's Fall Sports Seasons have been postposed strictly based on the orders set forth by the Office of the Governor."

At this time, the NMAA is working on a calendar adjustment that would move Volleyball and Cross Country to the Spring Semester. The Spring Golf season will continue as originally planned. An updated calendar will be released next week. "Our goal remains the same, to have every sports season take place during the 2020-2021 school year. It's not ideal, or the timeline that we had hoped, but we will play again New Mexico."

For more information pertaining to this announcement, please contact Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, at 505.977.5385.