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Hello Aitkin Students, Parents, & Community Members,

As of August 4, 2020, the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors decided on the plan for fall sports and beyond. Items considered by the MSHSL for the “Return to Participation” decision included the health and safety of all participants involved, aligning with the MDE return to learning models, consistency for all sports, and providing the best possible opportunities for all activities to compete during the 2020-2021 school year.

With the new information presented to the Aitkin Public Schools Activities Department, and more specific information that will be released shortly, we will need time to process and review the new MSHSL “Return to Participation” guidelines and restrictions that will take place for the fall season.

Below you will find information about sports from the August 4th MSHSL Board of Directors meeting.

- Girls Tennis will start practice on August 17th. There will be modified schedules and spectator restrictions that will be communicated at a later date.
- The football & volleyball seasons will be moved to the spring with a March start date TBD. Spring season modifications and guidelines also TBD.
 - Football and volleyball will be allowed to practice this fall with no competitions. Practice start dates for those two sports are still TBD.
 - Traditional spring sports seasons will be moved to May-July 2021 to accommodate the shifting of volleyball and football to March.
- Additionally, spring coaches will be allowed to coach their athletes this fall under a coaching waiver. What this looks like and what will be offered has not yet been determined by the MSHSL.

Aitkin Activities Fall Information:

- All sports registration packets for all 7th-12th Aitkin activities will available on Monday, August 10th. You can find the PDF link on Aitkin activities website (<https://isd1.rschooteams.com/>), Facebook, and printed packets at Aitkin High School office.
 - Reminder if your student’s physical expires in the 20-21 school year, you will be granted a one-year waiver on their physical.
 - If your student that does not have an athletic physical on file or your student is an incoming 7th grader, you will need to get a physical completed and turned in before participation. Physical forms can be picked up and/or dropped off in the Aitkin High School principal’s office.
- **AHS Athletic and Activities Meeting for parents and students scheduled for Monday, August 10 has been cancelled.**
 - Girls tennis for 7th-12th grade students will meet on Monday, August 17th at 6:00 pm at the tennis courts, weather permitting.
 - Football & volleyball coaches meeting & practice dates TBD

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I would like to give a huge thanks to the coaches of our summer activities for providing an opportunity for our students and to students who participated. This school year and athletic season will be a unique one, but we will move forward and work united. We Are ISD1!

If you have any questions, please contact me at awhite@isd1.org or 218-927-7125. Thank you, and have a great rest of your summer.

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