



**JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
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Dear Jesup Athletes, Parents, and Guardians;

This letter is concerning the return to play for high school out of season sports that can begin on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently, high school baseball and softball are the only sports that can occur with a coach organizing and instructing. The Governor, the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union have approved for all out of season sports to resume. This includes the use of the weight room. The IHSAA/IGHSAU have provided protocols to follow starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. School districts are also able to implement additional protocols in consultation with local public health officials.

As a school district our head coaches have been working hard to plan out activities that will occur July into August. It is our goal to provide opportunities like every other summer but with protocols to follow to ensure as safe as environment as possible. Each sport may look a little different based of the nature of the activity, but there are certain responsibilities each athlete, coach, and sport will have to follow. The following protocols are below:

1. Each athlete participating will need to fill out a COVID-19 permission form. This permission form only needs to be filled out one time and it is good for the entire school year. **IF YOUR/SON DAUGHTER HAS ALREADY FILLED OUT FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO AGAIN.** The form can be found on the school website:  
<https://www.jesup.k12.ia.us/activities/athletics/athletic-forms.aspx>
2. Athletes and Coaches will need to take temps before arriving. If their temp is at 100.4 or over they should not attend the activity.
3. If an athlete or coach shows any signs of symptoms they are not to attend the activity.
  - a. If they have attended a school activity within the previous few days they need to contact the coach and/or Mr. Smeins immediately.
4. If an athlete shows up with any symptoms they will be sent home immediately.
5. If issues do arise with COVID-19, the school district will work with public health to determine the next steps.
6. These activities will be limited to high school athletes only EXCEPT for Jesup run camps.
7. Coaches are required to have signup prior to each event so they can monitor the amount of athletes showing up prior to arriving. This will help them manage activities and plans much better.
8. Coaches will be required to keep track of attendance merely for the ability to help with contact tracing if an issue would arise.
9. Coaches will be sanitizing equipment before and after each event.
10. Drinking fountains will not be accessible so athletes must bring own water bottles.
11. Athletes are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
12. Masks will be needed in the JAC when social distancing cannot occur.

Our coaching staff is really excited to get our athletes back to start preparing for their respective seasons. Be on the lookout for the schedule for the JAC. This can be found on the J-Hawk Strength and Conditioning page and on each individual sports social media pages and emails. Our baseball and softball teams have done an outstanding job thus far of following protocols to provide a safe return to sports. We expect this will occur with our out of season sports that can return on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact our head coaches and/or myself at any time.

Joe Smeins and the Jesup Coaching Staff