



MARSHALL TIGER ACTIVITIES RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS UPDATED FOR USE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2021

The recommendations presented in this document are compiled from the most recent updated documents from state and national organizations. These sources include:

- The National Federation of High Schools (NFHS): “Guidance for opening up high school athletics and activities.”
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): “Guidance for social distancing in youth and student programs”
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): “COVID-19 Sports Guidance for Youth and Adults”
- Center for Disease Control (CDC): “Youth programs and camps during the COVID-19 Pandemic”

All recommendations and protocols are designed for return-to-activity guidelines that will be in accordance with state or local restrictions. Based on the information, guidelines, and recommendations of these various organizations, the following protocols should be used by all community and Marshall Tiger affiliated activities programs who choose to organize team activities effective **February 16, 2021**. As the year continues, the latest recommendations will be reviewed, and updates can be made as necessary/permitted at that time. Any governmental mandates, executive orders, or MSHSL statements may at any time alter or override these protocols. Additional sport specific accommodations and protocols will be needed for specific activities. However, the below guidelines can be applied to all Tiger activities and facility use.

1. All participants should self-screen at home daily. Participants with any symptoms or illness should stay home.
2. Efforts will be made to limit touch points (interior doors, bathroom doors, etc. propped open).
3. Coach/Facility Use (INDOOR FACILITIES): Participant ratio shall remain no greater than 1:25. Must follow social distancing and pod-per-space guidelines.
4. Coach/Facility Use (OUTDOOR FACILITIES): Participant ratio shall remain no greater than 1:25. Must follow social distancing and pod-per-space guidelines.
5. Whenever possible, participant “pods” should remain together to avoid unnecessary mixing.
6. Participants must plan to transport workout clothing and gear with them. No locker room access will be allowed.
7. Participants must provide their own water for the entirety of their workout. Water bottles will not be shared.
8. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting spray will be available on site and participants must be provided periodic breaks to use both.
9. Social distancing must be practiced. Non-participants should remain a minimum of 6 feet apart.
10. Coaches/advisors should wear a facemask when on duty regardless of distancing.



11. Players/students must wear a facemask in accordance with current Governor's orders.
12. When traveling on school provided transportation, all team members will wear a facemask in accordance with MDE/MDH guidelines.
13. Avoid community supplies. Participants should use their own equipment whenever possible (ball, glove, bat, racket, club, etc.) If there is need to provide participants equipment effort should be made to have that equipment remain with the participant for each session. Shared equipment should be cleaned/sanitized frequently.
14. Access to indoor facilities will be limited to participants and coaches/advisors only. *Limited spectators may be permitted for MPS/MSHSL events as permitted by MDE/MDH guidelines and approved by MPS administration. At this time events are limited to no more than 2 spectators per participant, with a maximum of 150 people.*
15. Outdoor contests may permit limited spectators. Social distancing must be observed. Maximum total gathering size must remain within all state guidelines.
16. Any club, organization, or association renting or using an MPS space or facility will need to follow all the above-listed protocols and are expected to self-monitor. This includes adult league or community service groups. Expectations of outside groups using MPS facilities include, but are not limited to:
 - a. An adult must be designated as coordinator and must be onsite for the duration of the rental. This coordinator is responsible of ensuring the Return to Play protocols are followed. The name and phone number of the coordinator must be recorded at the District Office when the rental is secured. The coordinator can also be a coach or advisor.
 - b. Scrimmages, games, and tournaments are limited to no more than 3 teams on site per event.
 - c. Spectators for scrimmages, games, or events are allowed with no more than 2 spectators per participant or a maximum of 150 people.
17. Any violation of the listed protocols will result in that group and/or organization no longer being able to access the facilities until we return to a pre-COVID environment.