

Salmon River Athletics - Fall 2020

Parents and Players~

It is with an enormous amount of excitement that I can share with you the plans to move forward with our Fall 2020 Soccer Season. The goal is to provide the safest opportunities for the players, follow the NYSPHSAA Return to Interscholastic Athletics Guidance Document, Department of Health Regulations, and NYSED Regulations.

September 23rd, varsity boys and girls teams will begin practices at 3:30. Modified and JV practices will begin on Monday, September 28th.

Locker Rooms will only be available to change before practice to only student athletes who are in person for school. Once changed the locker rooms will not be available. Students coming from home should be dressed for practice prior to coming to school. Parents/students are responsible for their own transportation to and from practices and games. Parents will need to drop off and pick up students at the field they are scheduled to practice at, which will be posted in their google classroom or can be found on the school website on the athletic tab. Students who are hybrid/virtual will need to be screened when they arrive at practice (temperature check/health screening questionnaire).

All athletes and coaches **MUST** wear a mask at all times during practice and competition. Gaiter style masks and shields will not be allowed. For varsity athletes, Section X will be purchasing a mask which will be part of the athletic uniform for games. Athletes are responsible for having their own masks for practice, wearing them during practice, and cleaning them daily.

Each student is responsible for their own equipment and supplies. I would recommend that each athlete comes to practice with their regular gear, as well as an extra mask, bottled water, sanitizer, and any other items you need. Best suggestion - a gallon ziplock bag with these items that are easily accessible if needed. Athletes will need to bring their own filled water bottles. Sharing of water is not allowed. Any bags brought to practices must only be utilized by that person, and kept 6ft apart from others.

Practice sessions will be closed to all parents/spectators. Only official school personnel will be allowed. Coaches and players only. At the conclusion of daily practice or games, please disinfect your student's personal equipment. Students should wash and clean all equipment and practice pinnies after every workout immediately upon returning home.

Please note there will be game rule changes this year that have been made due to safety concerns and protocols. No team hugs, high fives, shaking hands, or fist bumps are allowed.

For home and away games, as per the NYSPHSAA Guidance Document, each athlete will only be allowed two spectators. It was determined that Section Wide the number of players per team (at the Modified, JV and Varsity level) for all games (home and away) will be 20 for soccer, cross country will be 12. Please understand that districts may field teams of any number for practices, but for all home and away games - rosters will be limited section-wide (teams will have to document this via the roster/gate list forms that will also include who their two spectators will be). By limiting the number, this meets the Guidance Document limitations for social distancing. Please note this will for both home and away games. As we get closer to games, we will share more information regarding spectators at games.

Registrations were done in June via school web page signups will be open until the end of the week for students who want to play.

Sportsmanship

We encourage our athletes, parents, spectators and fans to represent Salmon River with positive sportsmanship behaviors at all games, events, and practices both home and away. Sportsmanship is something that Salmon River prides itself on. As per the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.....NYSPHSAA supports and encourages spectators to enjoy the competition between our student-athletes and cheer for teams in a positive manner. Negative comments and behavior will be addressed by the appropriate site personnel. Spectators should "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive" toward all players, coaches, officials and spectators. Let the players play, the coaches coach, the officials officiate, and fans stay positive. **Remember we are here for our athletes.**

RSchoolToday App:

If you have not already, please download the RSchooltoday app. This will allow you to see the calendar and the game schedule. We look forward to a great fall season with all our athletes. I am excited that we can have this opportunity again for our athletes and ask that everyone follows the regulations put in place. Thank you for your continued support of Shamrock Athletics!

Sincerely,
Shawn Miller
Athletic Director