



# Athletics Update

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Board Meeting

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# Executive Summary

- Direction is evolving with input from multiple agencies.
- Lodi Unified has followed conditioning protocols since the summer.
- The CIF updates their guidance weekly.
- The CIF has authorized leagues to begin practice and competition for purple tier sports (Cross Country, Golf, Skiing/ Snowboarding, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, and Track & Field).
- Athletic directors and principals meet within their leagues and collaborate through AD/Principal meetings and other communications.
- The San Joaquin County Office of Education and the district superintendents within San Joaquin County continue to collaborate on guidance and direction.
- An eligibility probation period was approved in May for Fall sports but requires board action to amend the established criteria.

# CIF Updates

- CIF Guidelines will be adjusted weekly.
- In the event of a positive test for COVID-19, schools will follow the current CDPH Guidelines for Schools.
- Competitions, meets, races, or similar events are authorized only if (a) both teams are located in the same county and the sport is authorized, or (b) teams are located in immediately bordering counties and the sport is authorized in both counties.
- Out of state competition is not allowed at this time.
- Any student-athlete testing positive for COVID-19 may not return to practice or competition until cleared by their physician.
- Schools must still follow all guidelines from their local county and the governing board of their school district or private/parochial school.
- <https://www.cifstate.org/covid-19/index>

# League Guidance

- Lodi Unified schools participate in two leagues, TCAL (Lodi & Tokay) and SJAA (Bear Creek & McNair), respectively.
- Leagues have held ongoing meetings to receive and provide feedback to the CIF and districts.
- Once the regional stay-at-home orders were lifted, the CIF authorized leagues to plan for practice and competition sports in purple tier sports.
- Leagues met the week of 01/25/2021 to plan and schedule.



# San Joaquin County Office of Education

- The San Joaquin County Office of Education provides ongoing guidance for districts on all parts of the education program, including athletics.
- District superintendents meet weekly with facilitation from the San Joaquin County Office of Education.
- Athletics and other activities are discussed periodically at these meetings.

# District AD/Principal Meetings

- Athletic Directors collaborated on revisions to protocols based on CIF guidelines.
- AD/Principal meetings include other department heads (Personnel and Business Operations).
- Transportation will be provided following district health and safety protocols.
- Any change to the eligibility requirements requires board action.
- For purple tier sports, there will be no spectators or volunteers.
- Lodi Unified has held 7 CPR/First Aid trainings for district employees, including coaches.