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Dear Golden Knights,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are happy to inform the Holland Patent Central School District community that our fall sports season will begin on September 22nd. As you are aware the fall season will be limited to low and moderate risk sports which will include tennis, field hockey, boys and girls soccer and boys and girls cross-country. We will determine which levels we will be able to offer based on our registration numbers and also what other school Districts in the Center State Conference will be fielding. Registration for fall sports through Family ID will close the evening of Wednesday, September 23rd. Our goal is to provide our Holland Patent athlete's opportunities to participate in a safe competitive athletic season.

With the current health and safety requirements issued by the Department of Health, Governor's Office and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention the fall athletic season will look drastically different. Utilizing these guidelines, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association has created the Return to Interscholastic Athletics Plan in which all leagues are to follow. Coaches, athletes and spectators will be required to adhere to these guidelines.

- All athletes participating in league practice and contests will be required to have a daily health screening completed (remote students will complete a paper screening with their coach); face coverings are required; social distancing of 6' maintained unless safety or the core activity requires a shorter distance; athletes are required to provide their own water bottles at events.
- All coaches will administer daily paper health screenings; face coverings are required at all times; ensure social distancing of 6' is maintained amongst all athletes unless safety or core activity requires a shorter distance; and communicate guidelines in a clear and consistent manner to athletes and parents.
- All spectators (limited to 2 per game per athlete) will participate in a health screening at every contest in an effort to assist with contact tracing if needed; maintain 6' of social distance; wear face coverings; disinfect student's personal equipment and adhere to designated areas.

Our league will be issuing more guidance on the spectator ticket system, athlete face covering expectations and health screening. This will provide consistency for all home and away contests. Our Athletic Director, Justin Barlow, will have a virtual question and answer session on Monday, September 21st. The link will be found on our District website.

Sincerely,

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