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Dear Families,

Congratulations to all of our fall sport athletes and thank you for your commitment to Brunswick athletics! The 2021 Fall Athletics season has come to a close. There were so many amazing things to celebrate from our student-athletes, coaches, teams/programs and community. From Monday August 16th through Saturday November 13th, Brunswick student-athletes were focused and determined to work hard to ensure successful seasons. Our athletic programs were recognized and admired by people across the state of Maine through our Regional, State and New England Championship appearances, to multiple league "player of the year" and "coach of the year" awards and the many individual accolades earned by our athletes.

I have to say that the Brunswick community has been the best I've seen in terms of positively supporting our student-athletes. Great fan support, team pride, signage and support for our student-athletes leads to an increase in school and community pride! Brunswick fans were amazing in so many ways. You should be very proud of the way you gave your positive support to all of our programs; it was noticed by our faculty, staff, and student-athletes.

As we move into the winter sports season, continue to give our student-athletes encouragement and positive support, as well as the chance to overcome the challenges that happen on their playing surfaces, as it is an important life skill that develops and shapes their character.

Finally, please see the information below for both Brunswick High School and Brunswick Junior High School indoor winter athletics.

GO DRAGONS!

Proud to be a DRAGON,

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Brunswick High School & Junior High School Athletics

2021-2022 Winter Sports COVID-19 Guidelines

***Subject to change at any time as pandemic conditions change**

The following guidelines have been developed by the high school and junior high school administrations and the district leadership team in Brunswick. These guidelines apply to all high school and junior high school sport activities.

Masks:

- Masking will be **REQUIRED** of ALL people at all Brunswick INDOOR EVENTS at all times.
 - This includes both those directly involved in the competition (athletes, coaches, officials, game/event staff) as well as spectators.
 - This applies to all Brunswick team practices and competitive events, whether hosted at Brunswick High School, an off-site private facility, or when Brunswick is traveling to another school/venue to compete.
 - Brunswick teams will be masked for ALL practices and competitions and will request that opposing teams follow suit until further notice.
 - Failure to comply with the masking requirement may result in an individual's removal from the event venue.
- Masking for OUTDOOR EVENTS will be optional.

Vaccination

- COVID-19 vaccination is highly recommended for all student-athletes and coaches as a measure to reduce serious illness and limit the number of required quarantine individuals on the team due to close contact.
- Some venues that host winter sports activities may require proof of vaccination to enter the facility and our student-athletes, coaches, team personnel, event staff and spectators impacted will need to comply to enter those venues.

COVID-19 Testing

- Participation in Brunswick's pool testing program is highly recommended for all student-athletes and coaches as a measure to proactively identify individuals who have COVID-19 and to reduce spread to teammates and limit the number of required quarantine individuals on the team due to close contact.
 - Information and/or signup forms for pool testing are available in the nurse's office.
- Some venues that host winter sports activities may require unvaccinated individuals to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test in order to enter the facility and those student-athletes, coaches, team personnel, event staff and spectators impacted will need to comply in order to enter those venues.



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Spectators

- Spectators will be permitted to attend Brunswick sporting events whenever possible.
- Some opponent venues, opposing schools or conference-based events may not permit Brunswick fans, or any fans at all for that matter, in attendance at THEIR home contests. This is a local control decision that we must abide by. If Brunswick spectators will not be permitted to attend events, that will be communicated ahead of time through the teams.
- **Spectators will be required to wear masks at all times** during all indoor activities – this includes at venues outside of the high school campus, such as pools, rinks and tracks.
- Brunswick is not currently limiting spectator capacity at events, however we reserve the right to modify this approach should the need arise.
- Home and away spectators must sit in the designated bleacher/seating areas as identified in the venues. Efforts to separate and distance from other household groups within the bleachers, to the extent possible, are appreciated.

Food & Drink / Concessions

- Because masking is required indoors at all times, food & drink will not be permitted inside the gymnasium.
 - Any food and/or drink must be consumed in designated areas in the building away from the gymnasium. This includes any food or drink that is brought into the facility from outside.
 - Consumption of water/sports drinks by the teams will be permitted during the competition.

Locker Rooms

- Locker rooms will be accessible to both home and away teams.

Live Streaming of Events

- Brunswick High School will attempt to provide live streaming of our home events wherever possible. Live streaming information will be shared as necessary.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ADHERENCE TO THESE GUIDELINES, WHICH ARE IN PLACE TO KEEP EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS SAFE!



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