

Athletics Update
Monday, March 8, 2021

Good morning Dr. Scroggins,
As we've discussed, I wanted to give you an update on how things were progressing, as it relates to Mt. SAC Athletics.

Conditioning:

The Return to Campus Task Force approved all of our Spring II Covid Safety Plans and our teams have been conditioning, utilizing all of the required safety measures (masks, physical distancing, outside activities, no college equipment). Things are going very well.

Testing:

As a requirement for this return to campus, we tested over 270 individuals...students, coaches and staff. 11 positive tests were identified, 8 were prior positive history and cleared and 3 were asymptomatic for Covid. They quarantined and will be joining their teams soon. We used an existing contract through the Health Center, with Pomona Valley, performing PCR tests.

A sub group of RTC was formed on testing vendors and we recently deliberated on vendors for ongoing surveillance testing. As you know, for low and intermediate sports, our Spring II, we need only test 25% every two weeks. Some schools are testing 12.5% each week while we are going to test 25% each week, a much higher standard. We also do not need to test prior to competition, as was the case with high contact sports, our Spring I. This is all in line with IHE, NCAA and CCCATA Guidelines. Morris may be reporting out to Cabinet on our results.

Competition:

Two conferences in the South have opted in for competition, the Orange Empire and the Western States, located in Ventura and LA area schools. Riverside City has opted out of Baseball and Softball in the OEC. The Orange Empire has asked if we would join their conference for competition that would start the middle of April. I wanted to run that scenario by you, I feel we can handle it, we are prepared to follow up with needed adjustments to safety plans and can cancel contests as needed, if necessary. The testing component, forthcoming, was one area that needed to be resolved before looking at any scheduling. I believe we have a good direction we can rely on confidently.

Cerritos is still not confirmed they will have student-athletes back on campus to condition. I've spoken with their Dean as of today and he is hopeful, but not entirely positive this can happen. If we wait, we may have no opportunity for baseball or softball to have competition this season.

Other sport options are not as definitive, we already compete in the OEC in Men's Golf, we have already been slotted for dates. Beach Volleyball has been asked to move into slots open for OEC 7 contests dates in late April and track is still unsure whether a dual meet or large meet would be allowed. USC, UCLA and APU are all awaiting a decision from LA County DPH on their upcoming meets. If allowed, we could be a host site for two meets this season. Swimming may be in the same situation.

Appreciate all of your support. Thank you for your time and recommendations.

Sincerely,
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