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Spring Return to Competition Protocols – Game Operations

The MAAC continues to closely monitor SARS-COV-2 and associated public health information related to the pandemic. The conference's COVID-19 Working Group has been meeting regularly to provide guidance in a variety of areas, with a priority placed on the health, safety and wellness of student-athletes, coaches and staff members as the league prepares for the return of athletics competition this spring.

Ultimately, each institution is responsible for the management of its student-athletes and is subject to the requirements imposed by its city, county and/or state authorities. Each member institution shall adhere to the NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition (Updated) as a minimum standard, unless otherwise specified.

It is expected that new information, resources, or guidance will become available and continue to evolve as the seasons get underway; therefore, these protocols will be regularly reviewed and evaluated and if changes are necessary, the MAAC Committee on Athletic Administration and the MAAC Council of Presidents will have the authority to ratify any recommendations from the relevant stakeholder groups, while the conference staff has the discretion to address matters as they arise.

To ensure a focus on health and safety throughout the duration of the competitive season, these protocols shall govern both conference and non-conference competition where applicable, and non-conference opponents are expected to adhere in specific to testing and face covering/masking protocols.

Additionally, any institution who is unable to meet these protocols or standards as outlined must communicate in advance with the conference office so that an alternative method or procedure can be identified to satisfy the intended objective.

COVID-19 Environment

Student-athletes and all athletics staff personnel who interact with the athletes should be appropriately educated about and actively participate in mitigation of COVID-19 infection through healthy behavior. Time away from athletics, especially social events, may be riskier than sport competition; therefore, all athletes and staff should always be vigilant.

This handbook reflects the relevant scientific and medical information available at the time of print. The handbook should not be used as a substitute for medical or legal advice. Rather, it is intended to provide conference-wide agreed upon policies with COVID-19 updates for member schools to use in coordination with applicable government and related institutional policies and guidelines, and they remain subject to further revision as available data and information in this space continue to emerge and evolve.

Attestation Form: See Appendix B

1. RESOCIALIZATION AND ACCLIMATIZATION

In acknowledgement of the numerous student-athletes who will have limited access to gyms, fields, pools and athletics facilities while away from their institutions during an extended break, it is critical that a resocialization and acclimatization period is established.

Institutions will have the discretion to determine how to utilize this resocialization and acclimatization period, in coordination with their state, local and institution guidelines, to prepare student-athletes for competition. Institutions should refer to various evidence-based resources have been published by professional organizations in sports medicine and strength and conditioning as they design and implement evaluation activities, physical conditioning, and practice sessions during this transition period.¹

2. SPORT TRANSMISSION RISK

The conference and its institutions will adhere to the NCAA’s sport transmission risk assessment via the Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition (Updated) and any subsequent updates. Sport transmission risk is based on the projected probability of respiratory droplet and/or aerosolized spread during vigorous exercise when physical distancing and face covering/masking are not applied or are not possible.

NCAA Sport Transmission Risk Summary¹

| Transmission Risk | Sport |
|-------------------|---|
| High | Water Polo |
| Intermediate | Baseball Lacrosse Soccer Softball Volleyball (with face covering/masks) Rowing |

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|-----|---|
| Low | Cross Country Golf Outdoor Track & Field Swimming & Diving Tennis |
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Outdoor Sports Conducted Inside

Per NCAA’s guidance, if certain outdoor sports are played inside (e.g., men’s lacrosse utilizing indoor practice facility), that sport assumes similar transmission risk if arena size and ventilation/air flow approximate outdoors. If arena size is small and/or ventilation/air flow is compromised, then assumes transmission risk will be higher; however, all decisions regarding arena size and ventilation/air flow capacity should be made in consultation with local public health authorities.¹

For outdoor sports training or practicing indoors, it is the responsibility of the institution to adhere to capacity regulations for such indoor facilities to ensure that those teams/programs are not increasing transmission risk. Institutions are recommended to utilize cohorting, reduced numbers of student-athletes and staff, and various distancing tactics to achieve this. Institutions shall work with local health authorities to determine appropriate capacity limitations and transmission mitigation strategies, including requirements of personal protective equipment and face covering/masks.

3. PERSONNEL TIERS

In alignment with the NCAA’s Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition (NCAA ROCS), all individuals associated with fall and spring sport training and competition should be divided into three tiers.¹ Institutions must proactively define those individuals who constitute Tier 1, which includes student-athletes and essential team personnel whose job function requires direct access to student-athletes on a regular basis, specifically close contact per CDC guidance.²

Tier 1 Personnel

The following personnel are recognized as Tier 1 and must adhere to the testing protocols outlined later in these protocols:

- a. Student-athletes
- b. Coaching staff
- c. Director of operations
- d. Team managers
- e. Primary team athletic trainer

Additionally, the following personnel should also be considered Tier 1 if these individuals are regularly in close

contact with Tier 1 individuals, especially student-athletes, per CDC guidance:

- a. Sports performance staff
- b. Team physicians
- c. Sports information directors
- d. Academic advisors
- e. Athletics department staff and administrators (e.g., director of athletics, sport administrator)
- f. Any other individual who has regular close contact Tier 1 individuals, especially student-athletes

Tier 2 Personnel

Tier 2 individuals shall broadly be defined as members of the host institution, competition venue staff or visiting program who need to be near Tier 1 individuals and have access to areas of the competition venue frequented by team personnel, including locker rooms, playing courts or fields and athletic training rooms.

Tier 2 individuals are not subject to the Tier 1 testing protocols but are required to wear face coverings/masks when within the athletics facility and must keep physical distance, per CDC guidelines, from any individual in Tier 1. While it is each institution's responsibility to categorize individuals accordingly, the following list provides guidance into the types of personnel that can or should be categorized as Tier 2:

- a. Bus drivers
- b. Game and event operations staff
- c. Statistics staff
- d. Scoreboard operator and other essential table crew staff
- e. Instant replay staff
- f. Broadcast personnel
- g. Equipment managers
- h. Conference administrators
- i. Supervisor of officials
- j. Official/umpires/referees

Tier 3 Personnel

Tier 3 individuals should broadly be defined as members of the host institution, media, officials' evaluators, etc. who must perform essential duties but not in proximity to Tier 1 individuals. Tier 3 individuals are not subject to Tier 1 testing protocols but are required to wear face coverings/masks when within the athletics facility and must keep physical distance from any individual in Tier 1. These Tier 3 individuals must avoid contact with all Tier 1 individuals and, to the extent possible, Tier 2 individuals. While it is each institution's responsibility to categorize such individuals accordingly, the following list provides guidance into what type of personnel can or should be categorized as Tier 3:

- a. Janitorial/custodial crew

- b. Camera operator
- c. Security staff
- d. Media
- e. Videographer/photographer
- f. Fans and spectators

4. SCREENING AND WELLNESS CHECKS

Daily screenings and wellness checks are a critical element of an overall transmission mitigation strategy and a current protocol of the conference. Institutions must continue to conduct daily screenings/wellness checks with all individuals in Tier 1. If a Tier 1 individual indicates signs or symptoms suggestive of SARS-COV-2, per the CDC guidance, that individual is prohibited from entering the athletics facility or field and must immediately enter into isolation.

Visiting teams should continue daily screenings and wellness checks for each individual in Tier 1 while traveling. These screenings and checks shall occur prior to arrival at the host institution for practice or competition. Each program is permitted to use its own screening/wellness check application or system. If an individual indicates signs or symptoms suggestive of SARS-COV-2, per the CDC guidance, that individual is prohibited from entering the host athletic facility or field and must immediately enter into isolation.¹

Temperature Checks

Tier 1. Host institutions are not required to complete on-site temperature checks for Tier 1 individuals as those individuals will be screened for suggestive signs and symptoms through daily screenings and wellness checks.

Tier 2 and Tier 3. Institutions are required to follow institutional policies regarding visitors on campus and daily symptom checking, per CDC, state and local guidance, upon entrance into the athletics facility or field.

5. FACE COVERINGS/MASKING

Face shields are not permitted as a replacement to face coverings/masks but can be worn to supplement to face coverings/masks.

Tier 1 Personnel

While it is a requirement that Tier 1 individuals test negative to be eligible for competition, implementing a face covering/masking strategy may decrease further potential transmission by limiting exposure among and with Tier 1 individuals and help to protect other individuals who may at times come in contact with Tier 1 individuals.

Tier 1 student-athletes who are not actively competing and are occupying either the bench, sideline, dugout, pool deck areas must wear a face covering/mask at all times.

The below chart outlines the face covering/mask requirement for all Tier 1 personnel by sport and provides distinction between student-athletes and other Tier 1 personnel.

Tier 1 Face Covering/Mask Requirements

| Sport | Student-Athletes | Other Tier 1 Personnel (e.g., coaches, staff) |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Baseball | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up that leads to competition • Actively competing in game | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Cross Country | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During active competition • During active warm-ups | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Golf | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up for competition • Actively competing | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Lacrosse (W) | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up on field • Actively competing in game • In sideline area when helmet is worn | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Lacrosse (M) | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up on field • Actively competing in game • In sideline area when helmet is worn | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Outdoor Track & Field | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up for competition • Actively competing | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Soccer | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up on field • Actively competing in game | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Softball | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up that leads to competition • Actively competing in game | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |

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|-------------------|--|--|
| Swimming & Diving | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up for competition • Actively competing | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Volleyball | Face covering/mask at all times within the athletics facility, including during warm up and competition | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Water Polo | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up for competition Actively competing | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |
| Tennis | Face covering/mask at all times except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up for competition Actively competing | Face covering/mask at all times during competition and on-site |

Tier 2 and 3 Personnel

Tier 2 and 3 personnel are required to wear face coverings/masks at all times while in the athletics facility.

Officials

Officials in all sports are required to wear a face covering/mask at all times while on site, including during active competition and interacting with any individual (e.g., coaches, student-athletes, support staff, scoreboard operator).

Volleyball officials are required to utilize whistle covers or whistle-mask to minimize droplet transmission. Officials in outdoor sports are encouraged to utilize whistle coverings to minimize droplet transmission.

Officials in baseball and softball are required to be COVID-19 tested prior to competition, at their expense as a condition of accepting game assignments. Testing can consist of PCR within three days before first scheduled competition for that week or antigen/rapid PCR test the same day as each competition. The respective sport assignors shall manage orchestration of COVID-19 testing results and subsequent NCAA reporting.

The MAAC will follow the NCAA guidelines for men's lacrosse during the regular season, which is considered an intermediate risk, outdoor sport. No testing is required if masking is always maintained. Masks are to be worn while on-site. For the MAAC Men's and Women's Lacrosse Championships, officials must provide a negative PCR Covid-19 test result taken 72 hours before game date and post results on NCAA Dashboard.

Enforcement

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that face covering/masking protocols are diligently and

consistently followed. A team on which individuals from Tier 1 regularly do not adhere to these protocols or willfully, blatantly or otherwise ignore them will be subject to penalties and/or disciplinary action under the MAAC Sportsmanship Bylaw (2020-21 MAAC Manual Article II, 2.2.J).

6. GAME OPERATIONS

Each institution is recommended to provide a visiting team communication document and sent to each visiting team 72 hours prior to arrival. This communication should reference the conference-provided checklist on Appendix A.

Visiting Team Arrival Time

Visiting teams must coordinate your arrival with the host institution. If there is an extenuating circumstance that requires an early arrival, the visiting team is required to give advance notice so the host can make appropriate accommodations and preparations. Teams must plan arrival accordingly for any facility requirements regarding COVID-19 symptom and temperature check procedures.

Pre- and Post-Game Interactions

The following interactions shall be eliminated or modified to prevent unnecessary additional interaction among tiered personnel:

- a. Elimination of post-game handshake among student-athletes and coaches.
- b. Elimination of student-athletes and officials' handshake during pre-game introductions.
- c. Elimination of greeting between coach and officials.
- d. Elimination of greeting between officials and scorer's table/table crew.
- e. Modification of pre-game captains' meeting with officials, whereas only one (1) captain from each team and one (1) referee will meet prior to game. All parties must keep maintain physical distance and the referee must wear face covering/mask for meeting.

The pregame meeting between game officials and scorer's table/table crew may take place in-person but all individuals must wear face coverings/masks and maintain physical distance.

Any meetings between coaches and officials (e.g., baseball and softball pre-game line ups) must be done with all individuals wearing face coverings/masks and maintain physical distance.

National Anthem and Other Pregame Activities

Tier 1 personnel must keep physical distance and wear face coverings/masks during the playing of the national anthem, pre-game introductions or other activities prior to the competition.

Bench Setup

Tier 1 personnel in the bench area must wear face coverings/masks at all time and maintain physical distance to the extent feasible. In instances where physical space is limited (e.g., baseball and softball

dugouts), Tier 1 personnel shall make a concerted effort to maintain as much distance as possible from one another.

In volleyball, the host institution shall set bench chairs with enough space between chairs to maintain distance. Recommendation is to have each institution create policy and procedure to separate spectators from student-athletes by a minimum of 12 feet before, in between, or after competition.

Additionally, volleyball teams will not switch sides and benches for different sets. Teams will be assigned to one side of the court and maintain that bench area for the duration of the match.

Bench Area Access

Only Tier 1 individuals shall be permitted to be within the designated bench area at any time during a game. If Tier 2 individuals (e.g., game operations staff) interact with any Tier 1 individual, both individuals must be wearing a face covering/mask and remain at a physical distance to the extent possible.

Scorer's Table Setup

Tier 2 individuals at the scorer's table will be required to wear a face covering/mask at all times. Scorer's table personnel should be physically distant to the extent possible. Scorer's tables should be set at distance of at least 6 feet from the perimeter of the playing surface.

Locker Rooms/Team Spaces

Host institutions are encouraged to make the use of locker rooms available to visiting teams. Each team should refer to the host institution travel communication document for access to locker room/team spaces and showers.

Additionally, the following adjustments shall be made to the locker room/team space setup and usage:

- a. The use of and access to locker rooms/team spaces is only permitted for Tier 1 individuals.
- b. It is recommended that Tier 1 individuals wear face coverings/masks within their assigned locker room/team space.
- c. Tier 1 individuals are required to wear face coverings/masks while transitioning to and from the locker room/team space and playing area.
- d. All facility capacity limits must be followed as communicated by host institution.

Ball Persons

In all sports that require ball persons, Tier 2 personnel are permitted to serve in this role. Those Tier 2 ball persons are required to wear face covering/masks at all times, wear gloves to cover his/her/their hands and must keep physical distance from all Tier 1 individuals. Institutions are encouraged to set game balls out on the perimeter of the playing surface in certain sports (e.g., lacrosse, soccer) to limit the interaction with ball persons.

Athletic Training Facilities and Usage

The host institution must provide Athletic Training Facilities or a satellite/auxiliary area space for athletic training services if the visiting team cannot use or enter the host institution's athletic training facilities. The satellite/auxiliary area shall meet the following minimum standards:

- a. Should be near the visiting team locker room for ease of access.
- b. Should contain a training table, cooler with ice, ice bags, water, cleaning and sanitation supplies and a trash receptacle.

Spirit Squads and Band

Team spirit squads and bands are not permitted during the 2020-21 season.

Hospitality

There will be no hospitality available for media or visiting administrators or staff. Officials' hospitality will be limited to water and isotonic drinks.

7. FACILITIES

There is a requirement of enhanced procedures to clean, disinfect, and sanitize all team areas at each institution's home facility prior to each game. Institutional staff at each facility must develop sanitation and disinfection standards and protocols based on local, state, and national guidelines.

Access to sanitized team areas by any person not subject to MAAC or institutional testing standards shall be restricted to only those that must enter a sanitized area in order for the contest to be held. In each instance, to the greatest extent practicable, those individuals shall adhere to physical distancing, per CDC guidelines, and wear a face covering/mask.

Visiting Team and Officials' Spaces

The visiting locker room and officials' locker room must be cleaned and sanitized prior to visiting team's arrival. No one shall be permitted to enter these sanitized facilities after cleaning is completed prior to visiting team's arrival.

8. TRAVEL

All teams must follow CDC guidance and remain vigilant about following recommended precautions to prevent exposure to themselves and others. Additionally, the following travel protocols should be followed:

- a. All travel shall be subject to the guidelines and policies of the applicable city, county and state. Visiting and host institutions should regularly monitor corresponding policies to ensure compliance prior to departure.
- b. When traveling, strict adherence to face coverings/masking, hygiene, and physical distancing whenever possible should be maintained.

- c. Visiting teams are expected to limit interaction within the host institution's community.
 - i. Tier 1 personnel travel shall be limited to and from the hotel and host athletics facility only.
 - ii. All members of the traveling party should avoid leaving hotels for non-essential reasons.
 - iii. Visiting teams are encouraged to not dine out, sightsee, or participate in any events outside of the scheduled competition(s). Meals should be taken in the hotel or delivered to the hotel.

If a non-Tier 1 individual (e.g., director of athletics or sports information director) chooses to travel to the game but he/she/they has not been tested subject to the Tier 1 testing protocols for at least one (1) week prior to the competition, that individual shall be categorized as Tier 2 and must travel separately. That individual is not permitted to access the bench area and must keep physical distance, per CDC guidelines, from all Tier 1 individuals. If that individual chooses to travel with the official travel party (via bus or flight), he/she/they must be tested according to the Tier 1 test protocols for at least one (1) week prior to the game.

9. MEDIA & BROADCAST OPERATIONS

Marketing and Promotions

Institutions are not permitted to hold any on-court or on-field marketing promotions (e.g., honorary captains, timeout contests) before, during or after competitions.

Media Personnel

Media are permitted within the athletics facility per institutional discretion. Media are required to always wear face coverings/masks when within the athletics facility. All media shall be managed as Tier 3 personnel, with limited exceptions, and are not permitted near the game venue. Media personnel shall maintain physical distance, per CDC guidance, from all Tier 1 and Tier 2 individuals. Permissible exceptions that would allow media to be designated as Tier 2 rather than Tier 3:

Statistics and Other Printed Materials

Broadcast (TV/Radio)

Institutions are not permitted to have hand-held camera operators at field level on the team bench side. There shall be no in-person interviews permitted for TV, radio, or print. Interviews as part of the ESPN school production are only allowed with home team personnel and must be conducted in a physically distant manner without the use of a headset or lavalier microphones. Interview subjects and other television crew must remain 12 feet apart. Both interviewer and interviewee must wear face coverings/masks during interview.

Press Conferences

All press conferences shall only be conducted virtually.

Press Box

Institutions shall ensure that proper physical distancing of Tier 2 individuals is maintained in the press box area.

10. OTHER PROTOCOLS

Rescheduling Authority

The conference office will seek the empowerment by the Coordinating Committee to manage rescheduling of contests during the spring season and shall work with participating and affected teams to identify solutions.

Spectator Attendance

Spectators (public) are only permitted at outdoor sports.

Home team family members only are permitted to attend MAAC sponsored sport competitions, including both conference and non-conference competitions, in accordance with state, local and institutional guidelines. Institutions must establish protocols that ensure spectators maintain physical distance from all Tier 1 and Tier 2 individuals from both the home and visiting teams.

Specifically, the policy allows two family members per student-athlete for the home team to attend all MAAC competitions, subject to state, local, and institutional regulations to be in effect at the institution's discretion. **The MAAC supports the right of individual member institutions to make this policy more restrictive, based on their campus COVID policies, local and state health guidelines, and the capacity and configuration of their athletic facilities.**

Family members are limited to 2 per student-athlete or coach and access must be in accordance to all NCAA Bylaws and compliance procedures.

At a minimum, institutions must include the following in its institutional spectator safety protocols, which must be provided to the conference office and made available to all other member institutions:
Identify entrance and exit locations for spectators that is separate from the entrance and exit of the specific game facility for Tier 1 and Tier 2 individuals.

Provide restroom facilities for spectators separate from Tier 1 individuals.

Separation of at least 25 feet from the first row of spectators to the back of the team bench, playing area or scorer's table, whichever is nearest to the spectator are.

Institutions are encouraged to consider making multiple sanitation stations available to spectators, eliminating any concession stands or food vendors and eliminating the distribution of game day materials (e.g., programs, giveaways). Institutions are also encouraged to post signage and other appropriate discretionary information to remind spectators of protocols and policies, including:
Spectators must always wear face coverings/masks while on campus and follow physical distancing

protocols.

NOTES

¹ Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition (Updated)
(https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/ssi/COVID/SSI_ResocializationDevelopingStandardsSecondEdition.pdf)

² CDC – Contact tracing plan and guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>)

Travel Communication Document – Checklist

- Key staff contact information
 - Institutional sport administrator in all competing sports
 - Primary athletic trainers (designated sports/teams)
 - Primary game operations contact
- Protocols for temperature screening at facility entrance
- Location of visiting team locker room options
- Location of officials' locker room
- Location of athletic training satellite/auxiliary site for visiting teams
- Diagrams of facilities and competition sites, including:
 - Team bench setup/location
 - Scorer's table setup/location
 - Broadcast and radio setup/location
 - Facility entrance and exits
 - Denote location of separate entrance and exit for Tier 1 (if applicable)
- Media attendance protocol
- Specific institution, local and state guidance and protocols related to SARS-COV-2
- Emergency action plan(s) for game facilities
- Institutional fan/spectator policy (should there be conference-wide policy to allow institutional discretion)



Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference COVID-19 Protocol Attestation

As COVID-19 has created challenges for intercollegiate athletics, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) recognizes there is no way to eliminate the risk of virus transmission. Therefore, the implementation of COVID-19 risk mitigation strategies, including appropriate testing, will be critical in the initiation and continuation of athletic practices and competitions. In addition to testing, the institution affirms its student-athletes, coaches, staff, and others involved with intercollegiate athletics at the institution are observing risk mitigation activities such as daily self-health checks, frequent washing of hands, wearing masks, social distancing, and other protocols as recommended by the CDC, state, and local health authorities, and will continue to engage in those risk mitigation activities until the appropriate federal, state, and local authorities have determined that such activities are no longer necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS

Surveillance COVID-19/Coronavirus testing is a critical element in MAAC safe return to in-season activities protocol.

All MAAC member institution teams are required to meet the weekly sport-specific testing protocols established by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (see "Certification"). All out of conference opponents that a MAAC member institution team competes against (scrimmage, exhibition, non-conference, etc.) must meet MAAC testing protocol requirements (or exceed them) the week prior to competing against a MAAC member institution. Testing protocols apply to all competitions, regardless of location.

Athletics Directors, the Athletic Healthcare Administrator, or designee of member institutions should complete this certification with respect to testing completed on:

- Coaches
- Student-Athletes
- Team party (on-field/court/floor/deck/course gameday and practice individuals [i.e. managers, trainers])
- Others affiliated with a team in any way that, in the best judgment of the medical professional, should be subject to such testing.

MAAC member institution teams must submit an initial certification form prior to their first scheduled competition (out of conference scrimmage, exhibition, non-conference contest, or conference contest) for each Spring and Fall to Spring sport. Forms should be saved to the MAAC Attestation Form Dropbox folder. Direct any questions to Lauren Eads, Interim Deputy Commissioner, at lauren.eads@maac.org.

Out of conference opponents must submit a certification form prior to any scheduled competition against a MAAC member institution team. Forms should be sent directly to the appropriate MAAC institution's Athletic Director or Athletic Healthcare Administrator.

CERTIFICATION

By signing and dating this form, you certify that the coaches, players, and team support members from

_____ who will be participating in (check one or more of the following):
Name of MAAC Member Institution or Out of Conference Opponent

High Risk Transmission Sports

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☐ Women's Water Polo athletic competition

Intermediate Risk Transmission Sports

☐ Men's Soccer athletic competition

☐ Women's Lacrosse athletic competition

☐ Women's Soccer athletic competition

☐ Baseball athletic competition

☐ Field Hockey athletic competition

☐ Volleyball athletic competition (with masks)

☐

☐ Rowing athletic competition

☐

☐ Men's Lacrosse athletic competition

☐ Softball athletic competition

Low Risk Transmission Sports

☐ Cross Country athletic competition

☐ Women's Tennis athletic competition

☐ Men's Swimming & Diving athletic competition

☐ Men's Tennis athletic competition

☐ Women's Swimming & Diving athletic competition

☐ Women's Outdoor T&F athletic competition

☐ Women's Golf athletic competition

☐ Men's Outdoor T&F athletic competition

☐ Men's Golf athletic competition

☐ as a member of the MAAC or ☐ against a MAAC member (check one of these options), have completed the following testing standards at minimum:

Student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, and other individuals that are on the court/field/floor/deck/course for practices and games shall undergo:

High Risk Sports: Testing of all athletes and Tier 1 personnel one weekly by PCR testing (within 3 days before competition), or 3 times weekly by antigen/rapid PCR testing.

Intermediate Risk Sports: Surveillance PCR or antigen testing, for example, 25-50% of athletes and Tier 1 personnel every 1-2 weeks plus additional testing for symptomatic and high infection risk individuals as warranted. If travel cannot take place with physical distancing and masking, then PCR testing within 3 days before travel departure, or antigen/rapid PCR testing within one day before travel for away competitions for all athletes and Tier 1 personnel.

Low Risk Sports: Testing performed in conjunction with a school plan for all students, plus additional testing for symptomatic and high infection risk individuals as warranted. If travel cannot take place with physical distancing and masking, then PCR testing within 3 days before travel departure, or antigen/rapid PCR testing within one day before travel for away competitions for all athletes and Tier 1 personnel.

Individuals testing positive for the coronavirus through POC testing have undergone a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the positive diagnosis. All test results will be completed and recorded prior to each competition.

Authorized Medical Professional: By signing below, you certify that you are the medical professional authorized to complete this information on behalf of the institution and to the best of your knowledge all information contained in this form is truthful.

MAAC Member Institution

Out of Conference Opponent

Name (please print)

Title (please print)

Name (please print)

Title (please print)

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

*** MAAC Member Institutions: One form for each Spring and Fall to Spring sport must be saved to the MAAC Attestation Form Dropbox folder by the day prior to the first competition.**

***Out of Conference Opponents: This form must be sent electronically to the appropriate MAAC institution's Athletic Director or Athletic Healthcare Administrator.**