



Danvers Falcons Fall 2020 Athletic Department Update Effective September 16, 2020

Based on the recent guidelines established by the EEA, DESE, MIAA, and the NEC the following has been established for the Fall 2020 Season:

- ❖ Boys & Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Golf, Cross Country and Middle School Cross Country and Field Hockey will take place this Fall Season. Tryouts/practices will begin on Friday October 2. More detailed tryout and practice schedule information will be sent out in the near future.
- ❖ Football, Football Cheering, Volleyball and Unified Basketball have been moved to the MIAA Fall 2 Season (2/22/21- 4/25/21).
- ❖ MASKS ARE REQUIRED AS SPECIFIED BY MIAA SPORT SPECIFIC RULE MODIFICATIONS for all participants and coaches at practices and games.
- ❖ All student-athletes participating in a fall sport must have an IN-PERSON physical within the last 13 months (must be dated 9/2/19 or later) on file with the athletic office. Please drop physicals off in the athletic office or email directly to Mrs. Sitarz at morgansitarz@danvers.org. Despite the pandemic, the Massachusetts DPH will NOT accept physicals via telehealth for fall sports participation.
- ❖ The NEC varsity teams will participate in a 10 game interscholastic schedule this fall, with the exception of Cross-Country (5 meets). All JV teams with the exception of Cross-Country will participate in an 10 game interscholastic schedule this fall. JV Golf, MS FH, and MS XC competitions are TBD based on course availability and/or participant numbers.
- ❖ Efforts will be made on behalf of the NEC to schedule sports on the following days:
 - Field Hockey - Monday/Thursday
 - Girls & Boys Soccer - Tuesday/Friday
 - Girls & Boys Cross Country - Wednesday/Saturday
 - Golf matches will be played throughout the week based on course availability.

*Make-up games may be played on Saturday/Sunday

- ❖ Attendance at all practices and games will be strictly monitored. Every participating student-athlete will be required to answer 10 questions relative to COVID screening with their coach before the start of every practice and game during the 2020 Fall Season. For away games, teams will be screened before boarding the bus for the away venues.
- ❖ In an effort to remain in compliance with all Massachusetts State Laws relative to large person gatherings, the NEC will only permit two (2) family members as spectators per student-athlete of the HOME team. No visiting spectators will be allowed at contests for games in order to maintain this safety protocol. Attendance protocols will be strictly enforced in all locations. Masks and social distancing will be expected for all spectators in attendance.

The Fall 2020 online athletic registration process will begin on Wednesday, September 16th and will close **Friday, September 25**. All student-athletes interested in trying out for a fall sport must be registered by **Friday, September 25**. Due to strict health and safety guidelines, NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/2. Registration should be done online by visiting:

www.danverspublicschools.org/dhs/athletics/

Danvers High School will offer the following teams for the Fall 2020 season (actual registrations and interest will determine the final team offerings).

The number of participants per team may be limited this Fall 2020 season due to COVID 19.

Boys Cross Country (V, JV)
Girls Cross County (V, JV)
Girls Soccer (V, JV)
Boys Soccer (V, JV)
Field Hockey (V, JV)
Golf (V, JV)
Middle School Field Hockey (7th/8th grades)
Middle School Cross Country (7th/8th grades)

All information in this document is subject to change. Thanks for your patience as we work through these challenging times. We look forward to seeing our student-athletes on the field soon!