

Good Afternoon,

We have received several inquiries pertaining to Winter Sports open season that was scheduled to start next week. On August 5th, the SCHSL Executive Committee approved The Best Practices Return to Play Plan. This approved plan delayed the winter sports open season until the spring of 2021. Please remind your winter sports coaches (to Include Middle School) that there are no open season opportunities this fall. Winter Sports will remain in a closed season until the first official team practice (November 2, 2020). For more information on what a closed season is, please refer to page 9 in the SCHSL rules and regulations. Violations of the closed season rules are listed below and can also be found on page 10 of the rules and regulations.

- 1. 1 day in violation/ 1st occurrence per sport = \$500 fine and team loses one day of practice and limited to one scrimmage.
- 2. 2 days in violation/ 2nd occurrence per sport = \$500 fine and team loses two days of practice, limited to one scrimmage, cannot host any events and cannot be the home team during the playoffs.
- 3. 3 days in violation/3rd occurrence per sport = \$500 fine and team loses three days of practice, limited to one scrimmage, cannot host any events and cannot participate in the post season.

Again, please share this information with your winter sports coaches. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office.

Thanks

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