

Hello Facons!

School is on! At least in an online fashion.

Some good news is that the WIAA continues to recognize the need for our students to engage in extracurricular physical activities, for both physical and socio-emotional well being. So, the WIAA has instituted a special opportunity for teams to practice during the time frame from September 28th through December 19th. Obviously, such activity will be limited to what the phase/status regarding COVID is for the county/community. These activities/practices will operate under the WIAA label as "Summer" practices.

As South Whidbey is still currently in Phase 3, our Falcon athletics will be operating under the guidelines developed by various state agencies, including ICDOH, DOH, WIAA, OSPI, and SWSD. Much like all things with the virus, conditions and guidelines can and will change. **For the most up to date information regarding the guidelines we will be working with, can be found on the WIAA website: [wiaa.com](http://wiaa.com)** Included in the guidelines are participation measures and a screening process that we will do prior to the start of practice for all coaches and athletes.

1. **Stay home if sick or a close contact with someone who has confirmed COVID-19**
2. Screening will include temperature checks. Anyone with a temp. above 100.3 degrees will not be allowed to participate, and sent home. Please check temp at home prior to attending, students that bring a note from home indicating that their temp. is ok will not be required to have their temp. taken at practice.
3. Screening will include other symptoms of the virus, including cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath, that if present, will require the athlete to be sent home.
4. Vulnerable/At risk individuals should consult with their medical provider regarding participation in athletic activities.

**We understand that these are uncertain times and encourage you to only participate in this training if you and your family are comfortable with it.**

**Reminder: Summer training can not determine whether an athlete makes or does not make a team for that sport.**

Interested incoming 9th thru 12th graders, should contact the school Athletic Office/Paul Lagerstedt at 360-221-6808 x5408. Athletes can consider gathering information to participate in multiple sports.

**Because practices have limits on participation numbers, please do not attend until you have contacted the coach of that sport.**

We are fortunate, through our community's diligence to safety, to have our county in Phase 3. This offers our student athletes a healthy socio-physical opportunity that many others in our state are not participating in.

Thank you and be safe,

## SWSD Athletic Participation Protocols, Fall 2020

1. ALL athletes and coaches must be screened using the “SWSD COVID Screening Protocol” form.
2. Screening will include temperature checks, or attestation. **If the athlete brings a note signed by a parent/guardian that the athlete’s temperature was checked at home, they will be considered cleared for temperature.** Without a note, the athlete will have their temperature checked. Anyone with a temperature above 100.3 degrees will not be allowed to participate, and sent home.
3. Screening will also include a series of questions regarding symptoms of the virus, including cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath, that if present will require the athlete to be sent home.
4. **If you are sick, or not feeling well, stay home!**
5. Vulnerable/At risk individuals should consult with their medical provider regarding participation in athletic activities.
6. All Coaches need to wear a mask at all times (inside/outside), when around kids or other coaches.
7. **All student/athletes must wear a mask at all times when inside.**
8. Reminder-all student/athletes must wear a mask outside when social distancing (6’) is not maintained.
9. All athletic equipment, including balls, should be cleaned intermittently during practices and contests.
10. Wash hands frequently. Hand sanitizer should be plentiful available at all contests and practices.