

Frustration with state and governor prompts rallies for high school sports



Campolindo students hold signs at Jan. 15 "Let them Play" rally.

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Patrick Cruickshank, the Commissioner of Athletics of the North Coast Section of the CIF, sent out a release updating the season of sports calendar for the remainder of the school year and how they plan to implement bringing high

school sports back to the member schools.

The key points in the release state the following: The leagues will set their seasons of sport based on the color tier that their county resides in and the sports allowed in that tier; No Athletic Competitions can begin until the local stay

at home order has been lifted; Feb. 1 is the earliest teams can begin practicing or competing; There will be no section, regional or state championships; Students can only participate in one sport at a time; The football season must conclude by April 17 for the 2021 fall season to commence as

scheduled on Aug. 9; and The final date for NCS competition will be June 12.

The full release can be seen on the North Coast Section website.

If the country remains in the Purple Tier, the only sports that will be permitted will be cross-country, golf,

tennis, track and field, and swimming and diving.

The athletic directors of the Diablo Athletic League met this past Friday to discuss what sports should start up and to determine how that plan would be implemented within the league. "We did not want to push back any sport that we would have the opportunity to start immediately," Campolindo's Athletic Director Raymond Meadows said. "The general consensus is that we want to get it going sooner than later. At this point in time, the Athletic Directors are getting feedback from our coaches because they are going to have more insight specific to their sports and how we can make the sports work given the guidelines and parameters around what we're allowed to do," he said. "The biggest message from our meeting, which was stressed by everyone, was that we really want to get our kids back out there playing sports as soon as we can."

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