

Athletic Face Covering Recommendations 2021 Spring Sports

The BCIAA will follow the Governor's order, as well as Center for Disease Control, Department of Health, and local school district policy on mask wearing and social distancing.

Volleyball:

1. All athletes, coaches, officials, and event staff are required to wear a face covering at all times.

Baseball & Softball:

1. All athletes, coaches, umpires, and event staff are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes, coaches, and game personnel in the dugout must wear a face covering at all times.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. When a team is on the field, the pitcher, infielders, outfielders, batter, and baserunners do not need to wear a face covering.
4. The catcher must wear a face covering at all times.

Lacrosse:

1. All athletes, coaches, officials, and event staff are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes, coaches, and game personnel on the sideline must wear a face covering at all times.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. Players on the field, actively engaged in competition, do not need to wear a face covering.
 - b. Any player exiting the field must put a face covering on upon reaching the sidelines.

Boys Tennis:

1. All athletes and coaches are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes and coaches must wear a face covering when outside of the tennis courts.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. All players may remove their face covering while warming up and playing on the court.

Track & Field:

1. All athletes, coaches, and officials are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes, coaches, and officials must wear a face covering when moving around campus to different events and any time not competing in an event.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. All running events:
 - *Runners must wear a face covering until they get into position for their event; at which time, they can lower or remove their face covering. When finished running, runners should distance themselves from everyone while catching their breath and then put their face covering back over their mouth and nose in a reasonable amount of time after they have recovered and before coming in contact with others.*
 - b. All throwing and jumping events:
 - *For throwing and jumping events, when an individual enters the area they are competing in for their event, they can remove or lower their face covering temporarily. For instance, if someone is throwing the discus, his/her face covering can be removed once he/she enters the circle to make a throw.*
 - c. Any athlete competing without a face covering (whether on the track or throwing area) must put a face covering on upon leaving their area of competition.

*The above recommendations are minimum requirements for BCIAA Spring Sport competitions. In instances where member schools may have more strict requirements, the stricter requirements will be followed.