



SDHSAA Spring Rule Modifications

Rule modifications are divided into three categories:

1. **Mandatory** = rule changes that must be followed until further advised
2. **Optional** = rules allowances that may be utilized if desired until further advised
3. **Impermissible** = items that are not allowed by SDHSAA rule

TRACK & FIELD

MANDATORY MODIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards: No awards ceremonies following events or the meet. Distribute awards directly from meet administration to coaches to provide to athletes. No draping of medals on competitors • No common distribution of water accessible to multiple parties. • Clean frequently touched areas, and provide ample hand sanitizer at all practices and contests. • Spectators must not have access to athletes, and should be restricted to areas outside of the track, event facilities, training areas, team camps, starting and finish areas.
OPTIONAL MODIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Students: Masks/face coverings may be worn. Each athlete should be required to bring their own water bottle. • Team Camp areas, if permitted, should be isolated from spectators or other non-essential personnel. Team camps should be only available to members of that specific team, and not a shared/common space. • Considerations should be made by meet management in regard to limiting entries, both in each event/heat as well as in numbers of teams and participants present. Given that track facilities and amenities differ from location to location, no singular rule can dictate what each venue may be able to accommodate. • Social Distancing should be considered at all field events and common gathering areas. Provide athletes ample space to remain 6' apart from one another while waiting/warming up, and relocate spectators as necessary to accommodate the change.

GOLF

MANDATORY MODIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow all rules published by the host course and USGA guidelines that are in place for spectators, competitors and coaches alike. This includes leaving the flagstick and hole-barrier in place if the course is using that system for regular season play. • No-Touch Scorecards shall be used as available. The USGA and Golf Genius have a tutorial to show how this can be provided free of charge through the USGA Tournament Management App on any mobile device with a data connection. Rules regarding illegal use of electronic devices will remain in place for competitors. • Fans/Spectators and Rules Officials shall maintain a 6' distance from all players throughout the round. • No Awards Ceremonies following play. Meet management shall distribute all awards to coaches, who will then present to the athletes. No draping of competitors in ribbons/medals. • No common distribution of water accessible to multiple parties. • Clean frequently touched areas, and provide ample hand sanitizer at all practices and contests.
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<p>OPTIONAL MODIFICATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider “putting through” or “uninterrupted putting” by players when on the green to allow for safer distancing as the golfers who are not up are able to remain distanced on/around the green. • Consider “Circle 10” option for scoring, where if a player exceeds 10 shots on a hole, they simply pick up. This allows for more consistent pace of play throughout events. • Athletes and coaches are allowed to wear masks/face coverings, and are invited to bring their own water bottle. • Galleries should be limited to “paths only” and keep 6’ of distance between themselves and others throughout the round.
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TENNIS

<p>MANDATORY MODIFICATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use numbered sets of tennis balls, with a different number for each competitor/doubles team, and only handle your numbered tennis balls. Clean balls with Lysol or Clorox. • Maintain social distancing as possible during play. Avoid fist bumps or handshakes prior to or following the contest. • Use your racquet or foot to move balls from your side to your opponent’s side. • Switch courtsides on opposite sides of the court. • Clean frequently touched objects and areas and provide ample hand sanitizer for athletes and coaches.
<p>OPTIONAL MODIFICATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly encourage athletes and coaches wear face masks/coverings when not actively participating in the contest. • Athletes should use their own water bottle.