

## Thomas Jefferson Athletics Department Rockaway Borough School District Michael Onischuk, Athletic Coordinator



## Athletics Program - Return to Play Plan Spring Sports - Baseball & Softball

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The Administration and Athletic Department has continued to investigate the plausibility of bringing back our athletic program for the spring season. After researching and planning, we have created the following "phased" approach for returning to play.

## Phase 2 - Game Play Phase 1 - Try-outs, Practices, and Training Practice and play with TJ Students ONLY •COVID rules still in effect •COVID rules in effect Play against other interscholatic teams •Traditional try-outs will take place and •Schedules will be provided then phase into practices •ALL NFHS (governing rules for baseball •If we cannot advance to Phase 2 (Game and softball) modifications due to Play), we will continue with practices COVID will be followed. and training sessions. Weekly schedules will be created for practices after school • Registration via FamilyID •Sport Physicals on file are REQUIRED

We feel this plan best allows us to control the contact that the athletes have with each other in Phase One before allowing contact out of district. This plan also allows us to closely monitor the recommendations from the state and local health departments regarding COVID-19. Please note:

- This plan is for baseball and softball at this time. We will revisit volleyball later in the school year and there will be a separate registration period for volleyball.
- We CANNOT guarantee that we will reach Phase 2. We will monitor recommendations from state and local health departments in order to make decisions about moving into the next phase.
- We may have to go backwards to a previous phase based on recommendations.
- Cancellation may occur if there is a COVID-19 outbreak or upon recommendations from the state or local health departments.
- ALL participants in ALL phases must follow the COVID-19 protocol set forth in the Return to Play Handbook for Athletes, Parents and Coaches. <u>CLICK HERE FOR THE HANDBOOK.</u>

More info can be found on our website: <a href="https://www.rockboro.org/athletics">https://www.rockboro.org/athletics</a> Please email me at <a href="monischuk@rockboro.org">monischuk@rockboro.org</a> with any questions.

Sincerely,

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