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VHSL Models for FY 2021 Athletics and Activities Pros and Cons

Model 1

Leave all sports in current season

Pros – All sports stay in traditional seasons and leaves open the possibility that all traditional fall sports could be played **IF Virginia moves beyond Phase III and/or Phase III guidelines are revised and High Risk Activities are allowed.**

Cons – While in Phase III with current guidelines, only two sports – Golf and Cross Country would be allowed to play this fall.

Model 2

Switch Fall and Spring seasons

Pros – This maximizes the number of student-athletes we can get on the field in the fall. Leaves open the possibility that many of the High Risk Activities could be played in the spring **IF Virginia moves beyond Phase II and/or Phase II guidelines are revised and High Risk Activities are allowed.**

- While in Phase III with current guidelines, Track & Field, Tennis, Baseball and Softball would be allowed to play this fall.

Cons – Boys and Girls Lacrosse and Soccer lose their season for the second consecutive year.

In Models 1 and 2 – If there is a resurgence of COVID-19 in the fall as predicted by many health professionals, the sports being played in the fall season could lose part or most of the season.

Model 3

Delay all VHSL sports and adopt the Condensed Interscholastic Seasons Plan

Pros – Leaves open the opportunity to play all sports in all 3 seasons **IF Virginia moves beyond Phase III and/or Phase III guidelines are revised and High Risk Activities are allowed.**

- Allows schools the opportunity to open the year and get school started and deal with issues such as schedules, academic plans, transportation, dealing with possible outbreaks of COVID in the school

Cons – Condensed schedules: Teams would play approximately 60% of a regular season schedule and there would be some overlap in season.

In ALL Models, High Risk Activities If Virginia moves beyond Phase III and/or Phase III guidelines are revised and High Risk Activities are allowed.