

H1N1 Preparations FOR Canadian Colleges Athletic Association NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring H1N1 a pandemic influenza virus, all colleges and universities have taken steps to prepare for the impact this pandemic may have on their community.

Each college or university will be monitoring advisories from the medical authorities and will provide updates to their constituents as they become available. In the meantime, it is suggested that people continue to use simple measures to protect their health including: washing hands frequently; not sharing drinks or food; staying away from others who are ill with the flu and seeking medical advice if you experience severe flu-like symptoms. If you do become ill, stay away from public places and observe appropriate etiquette when sneezing and coughing.

Suggested Protocol for CCAA Nationals Hosts:

- **Host members would follow their institutions H1N1 protocols**
- **And Encourage:**
 - Prepare and wipe down any work stations with a sanitizer (score table, standards) that will be shared
 - Ensure that washing facilities and sanitizers were available for participants and spectators
 - Identify where any visiting student athletes/teams would receive medical attention if suspect displaying H1N1 symptoms
 - Ensure that in all varsity med kits appropriate supplies are available (gloves, mask, temperature dots and Tylenol)
 - If an alert is identified on campus - Ensure that status of college/university is communicated with traveling team and officials ASAP and that the CCAA Executive Director and Athletic Directors are informed. Scheduling will be reflected by status of campus, dates available and present schedule.

Suggested Protocol for CCAA Nationals Traveling Teams:

- **Visiting members would follow their institutions H1N1 protocols**
- **And Encourage:**
 - Use washing facilities and/or sanitizers before entering playing area
 - Ensure that in all varsity med kits appropriate supplies are available (gloves, mask, temperature dots and Tylenol)
 - Obtain immediate medical attention and follow H1N1 protocol if any member of the team is exhibiting H1N1 symptoms
 - Be prepared to facilitate action plan to deal with sick traveling athlete or coach or administrator
 - If an alert is identified on traveling teams campus - Ensure that status of college/university is communicated with host team ASAP and that the CCAA Executive Director and Athletic Directors are informed. Scheduling will be reflected by status of campus, dates available and present schedule.

Suggested Protocol for CCAA Nationals Game Protocol:

- **Student athletes, coaches, administrators, staff would follow their institutions H1N1 protocols**
- **And Encourage:**
 - All student athletes, coaches, game staff and officials use washing facilities and/or sanitizers before entering playing area
 - Encourage all spectators to use washing facilities and/or sanitizers before entering playing area
 - Prepare and wipe down with a sanitizer any work stations (score table, standards, game equipment) that will be shared

- That teams follow through their normal game protocol at start and finish of match up but hand shaking would NOT be encouraged; instead a respectful passing of teams with acknowledgement of a game well played would be encouraged
- Be Prepare to facilitate H1N1 action plan to deal with sick athlete, coach, official or administrator

H1N1 Preparations FOR Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Championship Scenarios

Scenario #1 CCAA Championship Participating Team (Conference Representative) must withdraw from Championship due to H1N1 status of institution/team (team is quarantined by institution):

- 1) Inform CCAA Office, appropriate CCAA National Championship Host and CCAA Conference Representative of institutions' quarantine and withdrawal from the CCAA Championship.
- 2) VP Programs and CCAA ED will facilitate fill process in collaboration with quarantined participants Conference Representative
- 3) Fill Process
 - a) Invite Association Championship Silver Medallist
 - b) If No - Invite Association Championship Bronze Medallist
 - c) If No – open invitation – with Conference choosing representative

Scenario #2 CCAA Nationals Participating Team (Wildcard Representative) must withdraw from Championship due to H1N1 status of institution/team (team is quarantined by institution):

- 1) Inform CCAA Office, appropriate CCAA National Championship Host of institutions' quarantine and withdrawal from the CCAA Championship
- 2) VP Programs and CCAA Executive Director will facilitate fill process in collaboration with CCAA Wildcard Selection Committee
- 3) Fill Process – Wildcard Committee will reconvene and once confirming the willingness of these teams to participate at the National Championships the Wildcard Committee would consider the next highest ranked team from the Conference that has had to withdraw and the team/teams that were not originally successful in attaining a wildcard

Scenario #3 CCAA Nationals Host Institution Must Withdraw From Hosting Championship due to H1N1 status of institution:

- 1) Inform CCAA Office and Host Conference immediately
- 2) Host and Host Conference will look for an alternative site in the same general area if possible due to flights.

- 3) CCAA Office, VP Programs and Provincial CCAA Representative will confirm and coordinate communication and logistics
- 4) If the Original Host Team will be replaced by the following fill process:
Fill Process
 - a) Invite Association Championship Silver Medallist
 - b) If No - Invite Association Championship Bronze Medallist
 - c) If No – open invitation – with Conference choosing representative