



**Return to Practice and Competition  
External Plan  
July 1, 2020 (Updated July 13, 2020)**

***Introduction***

The intent of this document is to outline the plan for Hobart and William Smith Colleges' athletics staff and student-athletes to safely return to practice and competition as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State, Ontario County Department of Health, Finger Lakes Health, and intercollegiate athletics national organizations and governing bodies are resources for these strategies and considerations.

This document outlines phases to return to practice and competition for Hobart and William Smith intercollegiate athletic teams. Until a vaccine is available or there is effective treatment, scientists continue to communicate that the most effective strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 during resocialization are physical distancing, masking, hand hygiene, using a tissue or inside of your elbow to cover nose or mouth when sneezing or coughing, not touching your face, disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces, staying home when feeling sick and following the advice of your health care physician. In addition, local and institutional strategies include safe and efficient screening and testing sites for symptomatic individuals, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine for new infections or for high-risk exposure.<sup>1</sup>

The timeline of each phase is noted and will be based upon the success of operating within each phase, gating criteria (e.g., New York Forward metrics, threshold of COVID-19 cases on campus), staffing preparation, health and safety resources including HWS Safety Programs and Policies (see Appendix H), and institutional and state requirements. Each phase includes the above strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

***Preparation for Fall of 2020***

Approximately 600 student-athletes are members of our 23 Hobart and William Smith intercollegiate athletic teams. Approximately 40% of the incoming first year class are recruited student-athletes. The opportunity to compete in sports at the collegiate level is integral to the college experience for a student-athlete.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/resocialization-collegiate-sport-action-plan-considerations>



A student must be enrolled full-time while making progress toward their degree to be eligible to practice and compete on an intercollegiate team.<sup>2</sup> This NCAA rule is the baseline for the eligibility of a student-athlete.

As HWS moves forward with a combination of in-person and remote learning and if New York State Guidelines support intercollegiate athletics, then a phased approach for returning to practice and competition would be essential for the safety of staff and student-athletes.

This document provides a phased approach to returning to practice and competition. Two departmental planning committees were established to:

- Review and research reputable national sports organizations return to training/return to play/resocialization of sport policies and guidelines
- Identify issues, questions and considerations for HWS Athletics and Recreation
- Recommend possible solutions, processes and procedures
- Identify implementation needs
- Determine feasibility of implementation

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Sport Science Institute (SSI) published *Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport*.<sup>3</sup> Most recently, the NCAA SSI published *Resocialization of Collegiate Sports: Action Plan Considerations*.<sup>4</sup> These documents provide valuable information from a team of medical experts who are charged with providing guidance to NCAA member institutions with the most up-to-date information, address complex questions and provide recommendations regarding COVID-19.<sup>5</sup> These documents are guidance for this document.

In addition, as a full member of the Liberty League and as members of other sport-specific conferences, return to practice and competition will also require collaboration with our league colleagues. *Without opponents, there will be no competition.*

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The Department of HWS Athletics & Recreation is committed to the following guiding principles for planning and implementation:

1. The health, safety and well-being of our student-athletes, staff, HWS community, Geneva community and our global community are paramount to our decisions.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ncaa.org/remaining-eligible-academic-waivers>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/core-principles-resocialization-collegiate-sport>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/resocialization-collegiate-sport-action-plan-considerations>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/media-center/news/meet-people-behind-ncaas-covid-19-advisory-panel>



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2. We will be informed by science, public health guidance and appropriate governing bodies.
3. Our work will be coordinated with our colleagues in our membership conferences (i.e., Liberty League, NEHC, UCHC, NEC, MAISA, ICSA, CSA, IRA).
4. We will partner with other campus and Geneva-area experts to assist us with our planning and implementation.
5. Given the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, we will streamline our communication process to adjust protocols and procedures as needed to insure we are implementing the most up-to-date guidance.

### ***Return to Practice and Competition Phased Plan***

The Return to Practice and Competition Plan consists of the following phases:

- ✓ Phase 0: Pre-Opening Planning Phase
- ✓ Phase 1: Staff Education & Training/Student-Athlete At-Home Phase
- ✓ Phase 2: Individual and Small Group Training Phase
- ✓ Phase 3: Large Group and Team Training Phase
- ✓ Phase 3T: Testing Phase
- ✓ Phase 4: Return to Competition

#### ***I. PHASE 0: Pre-Opening Planning Phase: 35 days***

The pre-opening phase requires that all protocols, policies and procedures are prepared, practiced, and ready to execute. This will require that HWS has established screening, testing, contact tracing, isolating, and quarantining policies and procedures for staff, faculty and students.

A COVID-19 Athletics & Recreation Team (e.g., HWS medical director, director of Hubbs Health Center, director of athletics, associate directors of athletics, director of recreation, coordinator of sports medicine, head equipment coordinator, head strength & conditioning coach, representative from Sodexo, two head coaches) will be required to finalize policies and procedures. A streamlined communication process will be important to ensure that procedures can be adjusted based on knowledge gained.

Protocols will be reviewed weekly to account for the most up-to-date COVID-19 data and guidance.

#### ***Staff:***

- Finalize HWS Athletics and Recreation policies and procedures, within HWS policies and procedures, as they relate to COVID-19



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- Athletics & Recreation, Sodexo Buildings & Grounds, Campus Safety and Hubbs Health Center/Finger Lakes Health evaluate and prepare all athletics and recreation facilities for safe operation and solidify execution of cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
- Identify and determine procedures to support high risk staff members
- Determine return date for early arriving fall teams (i.e., cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer)
- Determine and communicate start date for non-traditional fall teams (i.e., lacrosse, rowing, sailing, tennis)
- Determine and communicate current information for winter teams (i.e., basketball, ice hockey, squash, swimming and diving)
- Prepare and distribute communication documents for HWS athletics staff and student-athletes including but not limited to overall department phased-in policies, sports medicine procedures, equipment procedures, facility use protocols and compliance policies
- Heads of/Head Coaches receive FY21 budget

***Facilities:***

- Athletics and recreation facilities remain closed
- Procure cleaning and disinfecting supplies that staff will use in facilities
- Set-up equipment and prepare facilities for safety and social distancing
- Prepare all facilities for safety, social distancing and tracking of users
- Communicate with other campus constituents regarding the policies on the use of athletic and recreation facilities
- Communicate with outside users regarding the HWS athletics and recreation facilities' policies

***Student-Athletes:***

- Train for sport at current living location
- Complete Sports Medicine required paperwork
- Newcomers and those student-athletes per Sports Medicine directive, obtain a physical exam via own medical provider
- Insure registration as a full-time student



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**II. Phase 1: Staff Education & Planning/Student-Athlete At-Home Phase:  
14 days**

This phase will require at least 14 days prior to any student-athlete in-person engagement with athletics staff. This will allow staff to be educated and trained in new procedures. It will allow staff to finalize preparations for student-athlete arrivals. We will encourage student-athletes to quarantine at home or return to campus and quarantine, if public transportation is required.

**Staff:**

- Fall sport coaches, sports medicine staff, strength & conditioning coaches, equipment coordinator, administrative assistant and administrators return
- Train staff on all policies and procedures
- Department meetings remain virtual
- Winter and spring sport staff continue to work remotely
- Vulnerable staff (self-identified) work remotely
- Screening and testing of staff per HWS protocol
- Acquisition of personal protective equipment for staff, student workers and student-athletes
- Physical social distancing continues
- Masks are mandatory when social distancing is not possible (i.e., in hallways, common areas, interacting with others with less than 6' separation)
- Gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided
- Team meetings remain virtual, individual student-athlete meetings by appointment
- Staff travel not permitted (essential travel requires prior approval)
- Staff to communicate with student-athletes regarding return policies
- Details finalized on logistics of pre-participation physical exams
- Schedule virtual meetings for all required student-athlete training and education (e.g., Title IX, compliance)
- Staff and coaches prepare for student-athlete arrivals (e.g., practice plan, schedules, budgets, equipment)

**Facilities:**

- Athletic and recreation facilities remain closed
- Acquisition of cleaning and disinfectant supplies
- Complete set-up of facilities



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***Student-Athletes: 14 days prior to arrival***

- Return health history and physical forms
- Complete COVID-19 Screening Questions and other HWS required forms
- Daily symptom check completed at a minimum 7 days prior to return to HWS
- Quarantine at home, as able
- Students return to campus

**III. Phase 2: Individual & Small Group Training Phase: 14 days**

In this phase, students will have returned to campus for pre-season practice. The student-athletes will follow all HWS policies and procedures. A determination of which athletes/team will be permitted to engage in athlete-related activities will be determined.

***Staff:***

- Vulnerable staff may continue to work remotely
- Physical social distancing continues
- Masks are mandatory when social distancing is not possible (i.e., in hallways, common areas, interacting with others with less than 6' separation)
- Staff symptom check via HWS approved application
- Team meetings conducted virtually
- Student-athlete education sessions conducted virtually (i.e., Title IX, compliance, sports medicine, RFK policies, Equipment Room policies, COVID-19 policies/procedures/protocols including facility use/team room access, student-athlete code of conduct)
- Small group training (maximum of 10 people) permissible in one area
- Hire and train student workers

***Facilities:***

- Athletic facilities will be opened for limited times and will have breaks for cleaning and sanitizing
- Access to team room is limited based on size of team room
- Access to the Sports Medicine facilities and RFK Strength & Conditioning Center will be limited
- The equipment room will launder practice gear with a limited schedule

***Student-Athletes:***

- COVID-19 testing and pre-participation physicals upon arrival



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- *Positives: isolation, symptom check and contact tracing; quarantine for those who were in contact with the person testing positive; retesting per team physician*
- Must complete daily symptom checking application
- Masks required when not in practice/training
- Small group training (maximum of 10 people) permissible in one area
- Gatherings limited to 10 people in one area, social distancing required
- Athletes will need to supply and refill their own water bottles unless a mass, no-touch water station is available for the sport
- Minimize equipment sharing
- Equipment must be sanitized after each use

**IV. Phase 3: Large Group & Team Training: 14 days**

This phase will allow medically cleared student-athletes to continue to practice and train in large groups while still remaining vigilant of personal hygiene, social distancing/spacing considerations, and sanitation.

**Staff:**

- Safe transition to athletic activity will require social distancing/spacing considerations as they relate to team huddles, team rooms, etc.
- Practice and training as per NCAA rules for the sport
- Practice limited to 50 people
- Staff recruiting and/or professional development travel will be considered and based on HWS policy
- Contest planning, team travel and game day management will be finalized
- Vulnerable staff may continue to work remotely
- Physical social distancing continues
- Masks are mandatory when social distancing is not possible (i.e., in hallways, common areas, interacting with others with less than 6' separation)
- Staff symptom check via HWS approved application
- In-person team meetings and gatherings to phase-in with a maximum of 50 people, space dependent, with proper social distancing and sanitization
- When possible, continue with virtual meetings

**Facilities:**

- Access to team rooms permitted but limited based on number of people per square footage



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- Access to the Sports Medicine Clinics will be by appointment only
- Access to RFK Strength & Conditioning Center will be limited to 25 number of people.
- The equipment room will launder practice gear on a regular schedule

***Student-Athletes:***

- Continued symptom checking
- Physical distancing continued
- Masking continued
- Practice and training limited to X hours per day
- Practice limited to 50 people
- Athletes will need to supply and refill their own water bottles unless a mass, no-touch water station is available for the sport
- Equipment and ball sharing allowed with proper sanitizing procedures
- Gatherings to phase in with a maximum of 50 people with proper social distancing and sanitization in place

**V. *Phase 3T – Testing: 2 days***

- COVID-19 testing for all athletics staff and student-athletes

**VI. *Phase 4 – Return to Competition: On-going***

In this phase, we have transitioned to less restrictions while still continuing with good hygiene, cleaning and disinfecting, screen/testing/tracing and other COVID-19 and general health practices. The Finger Lakes Region will have continued to meet all the metrics of reopening and New York will be in Phase 4 of the reopening phases. These protocols remain in place until effective treatments or a widespread vaccination exist.

***Staff:***

- Vulnerable staff can resume in-person interactions while still attentive to physical distancing
- Practices and training permitted per NCAA rules
- First contest *as permitted by respective sport conference (e.g., Liberty League September 26)*
- Game day management protocols in place





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- *A decision will be communicated on or near September 1, 2020 regarding spectator attendance at competitions*
- Procedures implemented for opponents and officials on campus
- Team travel will require detailed policies
- Off-campus recruiting or professional development staff travel permitted as per NCAA and HWS policies

***Facilities:***

- All athletics and recreation facilities will be open

***Student-Athletes:***

- Vulnerable student-athletes can resume in-person interactions while still attentive to physical distancing
- Testing of student-athletes will be conducted regularly until pattern indicates either more or less frequency required.

**VII. *NCAA Minimum Number of Competitions to Meet Sport Sponsorship***

The NCAA requires member institutions to meet sport sponsorship in order to be a member in good standing and allow access to NCAA Championships. Sport sponsorship is met by sponsoring a minimum number of sports per gender, having a minimum number of participants per sport and competing in a minimum number of contests. In May 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division III Administrative Committee approved the reduction of the minimum number of contests by 33% in all sports for the 2020-21 academic year.<sup>6</sup> The minimum number of required participants will remain the same. The Division III Membership and Championships Committee also indicated that they will be open to waiver requests from institutions that are unable to meet the existing sport sponsorship standards and the new minimum contest standards due to the pandemic.<sup>7</sup> It will be important that HWS competes in the minimum number of contests in order to remain in good standing and have the opportunity to qualify for championships. Should we reduce or eliminate competition to below the minimum, we must complete a waiver to request relief.<sup>8</sup> It is not a guarantee that this waiver will be approved; however, given the current health crises, I would anticipate approval.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/media-center/news/diii-reduces-number-required-contests>

<sup>7</sup> [https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/compliance/d3/D3AMA\\_ActionsCOVID19.pdf](https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/compliance/d3/D3AMA_ActionsCOVID19.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> [https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/membership/d3/D3Membership\\_FilingSportsSponsorshipWaiver.pdf](https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/membership/d3/D3Membership_FilingSportsSponsorshipWaiver.pdf)



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On July 9, the NCAA Division III Administrative Committee announced their approval of blanket waivers for participation. Division III student-athletes will not be charged with participation for the 2020-21 season if their team can complete only 50% or less of the sport’s maximum contests/dates of competition due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>9</sup>

The revised 2020-21 NCAA minimum number of contests are as follows with minimum number of participations in parenthesis required per NCAA policies for individual sports:<sup>10</sup>

<b>Sports with a Fall Championship</b>	<b>Sports with a Winter Championship</b>	<b>Sports with a Spring Championship</b>
Cross Country (H & WS) – 3 (5) Field Hockey (WS) - 8 Football (H) - 5 Soccer (H & WS) - 9	Basketball (H & WS) - 12 Ice Hockey (H & WS) - 12 Swim & Dive (WS) – 5 (8)	Golf (H & WS) – 4 (4) Lacrosse (WS) - 7 Rowing (WS) - 5 Tennis (H & WS) – 7 (6)

\*Not listed because they are not a NCAA sport OR HWS does not sponsor as a NCAA sport: Hobart Rowing, HWS Sailing, Hobart Squash and William Smith Squash. Hobart Lacrosse was not included in this minimum number of contest adjustment due to membership in NCAA Division I.

\*\*Team sports do not have a NCAA minimum participant requirement. However, for the safety of competing student-athletes, we will determine a threshold per sport.

**VIII. Shutdown – Within Any Phase**

This is the contingency plan for decreasing intercollegiate athletics.

Operational Activity:

1. Determine which sports will be decreased (e.g., higher risk sports, moderate risk sports, lower risk sports, fall sports, winter sports, spring sports).
2. Determine number of student-athletes with positive test and/or positive test with symptoms (e.g., symptoms, cases, hospitals gating criteria<sup>11</sup>)
3. Determine if student-athletes and staff will quarantine, isolate or depart from campus
4. Determine which operations will be decreased (e.g., competition, full team practice, large group practice, individual/small group practice, strength and conditioning, equipment room/laundry, facilities)

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/media-center/news/diii-administrative-committee-approves-blanket-waivers-participation>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/media-center/news/diii-reduces-number-required-contests>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>



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5. Determine which operations will be conducted remotely (e.g., team meetings, staff meetings, education/trainings, academics)
6. Determine how student-athletes will return issued items
7. Consideration for student-athlete who is unable to depart campus quickly (e.g. international student-athletes, student-athletes requiring public transportation)

Process to Conduct Orderly Shutdown including Communication Process:

1. Decision will be made by HWS President through consultation with Vice President for Campus Life and Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics & Recreation
2. Athletics & Recreation COVID-19 Action Team will be informed
3. Respective head coach/head of department will be notified
4. The head coach(es) will notify their assistant coach(es) (if applicable) and the team. The AVP/Director of Athletics & Recreation will be present, if possible.
5. Director of Athletics Communication will be notified and a press release will be prepared.
  - a. Press release must be approved by AVP/Director of Athletics & Recreation and Vice President for Communications & Marketing prior to posting publicly
6. The AVP/Director of Athletics & Recreation will hold a staff meeting as appropriate (e.g., all staff, some staff, in-person, remote)
7. A communication will be sent to parents of student-athletes as appropriate

**SUMMARY:**

In summary, the Hobart and William Smith Colleges Department of Athletics and Recreation will proceed with preparations based on the Colleges decision to open in the Fall of 2020. It will be imperative that Athletics and Recreation have a minimum of 35 working days from the decision to arrival of student-athletes to prepare for the safe return to practice and competition for student-athletes and staff. The commitment of our HWS community to masking, social distancing, hygiene and sanitation will be crucial to the health of the HWS and Geneva community. Future relaxation of policies and a 'return to normal' will depend on available treatment coupled with a vaccine.



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**ORIGINAL - ADJUSTED**

**Return Date/First Practice/First Competition**

**2020-2021**

FALL SPORT	COLLEGE	ORIGINAL RETURN DATE	ADJUSTED RETURN DATE	ORIGINAL FIRST PRACTICE	ADJUSTED FIRST PRACTICE	ORIGINAL FIRST CONTEST	ADJUSTED FIRST CONTEST
Football	Hobart	8/11/20	8/13/20	8/12/20	8/17/20	9/4/20	9/26
Field Hockey	William Smith	8/16/20	8/13/20	8/18/20	8/17/20	9/1/20	9/26
Soccer	Hobart	8/17/20	8/13/20	8/18/20	8/17/20	9/1/20	9/26
Soccer	William Smith	8/17/20	8/13/20	8/18/20	8/17/20	9/1/20	9/26
Cross Country	Hobart	8/19/20	8/13/20	8/20/20	8/17/20	9/5/20	9/26
Cross Country	William Smith	8/19/20	8/13/20	8/20/20	8/17/20	9/5/20	9/26
Golf	Hobart	8/19/20	8/24/20	8/20/20	8/25/20	9/5/20	9/26/20
Golf	William Smith	8/19/20	8/24/20	8/20/20	8/25/20	9/5/20	9/26/20
Tennis	William Smith	8/24/20	8/24/20	8/24/20	TBD	9/5/20	TBD
Tennis	Hobart	8/24/20	8/24/20	8/31/20	TBD	9/12/20	TBD
Sailing	HWS	8/24/20	8/24/20	8/25/20	TBD	9/12/20	TBD
Rowing	William Smith	8/24/20	8/24/20	9/15/20	TBD	10/3/20	TBD
Rowing	Hobart	8/24/20	8/24/20	9/15/20	TBD	10/18/20	TBD
Lacrosse	Hobart	8/24/20	8/24/20	8/31/20	TBD	1 FALL GAME	Not Permitted
Lacrosse (NTS)	William Smith	8/24/20	8/24/20	9/7/20	TBD	1 FALL DOC	Not Permitted

\*Specific information per sport will be communicated by the respective head coach.

WINTER SPORT	COLLEGE	ORIGINAL FIRST PRACTICE	ADJUSTED FIRST PRACTICE	ORIGINAL FIRST CONTEST	ADJUSTED FIRST CONTEST
Basketball	Hobart	10/15/20	10/15/20	11/7/20	TBD
Basketball	William Smith	10/15/20	10/15/20	11/9/20	TBD
Ice Hockey	Hobart	10/5 or 10/12/20	10/5 or 10/12/20	10/30/20	TBD
Ice Hockey	William Smith	10/5 or 10/12/20	10/5 or 10/12/20	10/30/20	TBD
Swim & Dive	William Smith	9/21/20	9/28/20	10/24/20	TBD
Squash	Hobart	10/12/20	10/12/20	11/20/20	TBD
Squash	William Smith	10/12/20	10/12/20	11/20/20	TBD

**\*\*All schedules are subject to change.**



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## Liberty League Fall Schedules

(Start Sept 26, Liberty League competition plus a maximum of 2 non-conference contests)

**ALL SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**^ = non-conference**

### **Hobart Football**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Sat, Sept 26	Keystone College <sup>^</sup>
Sat, Oct 3	TBD
Sat, Oct 10	TBD
Sat, Oct 17	Ithaca
Sat, Oct 24	TBD
Sat, Oct 31	@SLU
Sat, Nov 7	@Buffalo State
Sat, Nov 16	Rochester

7-8 game schedule

### **William Smith Field Hockey**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Sat, Sept 26	@Rochester
Sat, Oct 3	Vassar
Wed, Oct 7	@Nazareth <sup>^</sup>
Sat, Oct 10	TBD
Fri, Oct 16	@Ithaca
Sun, Oct 18	TBD
Fri, Oct 23	Skidmore
Sun, Oct 25	@SLU
Wed, Nov 4	First Round Liberty League
Fri, Nov 6	Semifinals
Sun, Nov 8	Championship

8-9 game schedule



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***William Smith Soccer***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Wed, Sept 23	@RIT (original)
Sat, Sept 26	TBD
Tues, Sept 29	Ithaca
Sat, Oct 3	TBD
Sun, Oct 4	Mt. St. Mary College^
Fri, Oct 9	SLU
Sun, Oct 11	@Bard
Sat, Oct 17	Vassar
Fri, Oct 23	TBD
Sun, Oct 25	Skidmore
Sat, Oct 31	@Clarkson
Tues, Nov 3	First Round Liberty League
Fri, Nov 6	Semifinals
Sun, Nov 8	Championship

10-12 games

***Hobart Soccer***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Wed, Sept 23	@RIT (original)
Sat, Sept 26	TBD
Wed, Sept 30	Ithaca
Sat, Oct 3	TBD
Fri, Oct 9	@SLU
Sun, Oct 11	Bard
Sat, Oct 17	@Vassar
Wed, Oct 21	Buffalo State^
Fri, Oct 23	TBD
Sun, Oct 25	@Skidmore
Sat, Oct 31	Clarkson
Tues, Nov 3	First Round Liberty League
Fri, Nov 6	Semifinals
Sun, Nov 8	Championship

10-12 games



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**Liberty League Fall Individual Sport Schedule Formats**

Proposed format is a series of small league-only invitationals (4-5 teams)/dual matches to be run the weeks of October 3, 10, 17 and 24. Under this proposal, different League institutions would host competitions which would include only Liberty League institutions.

**Cross Country**

The proposed format is a series of small league-only invitationals consisting of 4-5 Liberty League teams. The meets would be run the weeks of October 3, 10, 17 and 24. The Liberty League Cross Country Championship is October 31.

**Golf**

Due to resocialization phases, Hobart golf and William Smith golf will begin competing on September 26. Tournaments would be in the form of small (3-4 team) one-day invitationals consisting of Liberty League teams only. One larger tournament consisting of all Liberty League teams (i.e., Liberty League Fall Preview) would be permitted for each gender.

**Rowing**

Most teams typically do not begin fall competition prior to October and they utilize approximately three dates. In this format the teams would utilize the weekends of October 3, 10, 17 and 24 for competition and participate in three regattas that include up to three additional Liberty League teams. Host teams would be needed for each weekend.

**Tennis**

Instead of large weekend tournaments that are customary in the fall nontraditional season, the proposed format would utilize five weekends in October (3, 10, 17, 24 and 31) to play dual matches against league opponents. Each team could play four dual matches over the five weekends – two home, two away – against league opponents. These matches would not count toward league standings.



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**Additional Fall Sports Scheduling Formats**

**William Smith Lacrosse:**

William Smith lacrosse will conduct a non-traditional season with a focus on small group and individual training. There will not be a date of competition in the fall.

**Hobart Lacrosse:**

Hobart lacrosse will conduct their fall season as per NCAA Division I rules. A focus will be on small group and individual training. There will not be a date of competition in the fall.

**HWS Sailing:**

Planning is still underway with our sailing associations. We anticipate a modified sailing schedule. More details will be shared with our sailors as they become available.