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## MCPS SPRING PRESEASON PLAN 2021–2022

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The MCPS Spring Preseason Plan provides schools with practice options in the beginning weeks of the spring season. The Spring Preseason Plan was designed in large measure to provide options in instances of sustained, severe late-winter or early-spring weather. The plan includes two components:

1. Guidelines for the use of non-MCPS facilities; and
2. A schedule for shared use of MCPS high school facilities with artificial surface fields.

These preseason guidelines only apply during the spring season, between the designated MPSSAA start date and first play date.

### **Guidelines for the Use of Non-MCPS Facilities**

In instances of sustained severe weather, some teams/schools may benefit through the use of non-MCPS indoor or artificial surface facilities to conduct practices and scrimmages during the spring preseason. Such facilities include indoor batting cages, non-MCPS artificial turf fields, and other indoor facilities. Schools may utilize non-MCPS facilities during the spring preseason under the following parameters:

1. The principal or designee shall approve all use of non-MCPS facilities.
2. Supplemental facilities shall be secured only if a school is unable to practice or scrimmage at the local school facility or other approved permitted Park and Planning facility.
3. Gender and sport equity shall be considered when securing supplemental facilities.
4. Teams may utilize supplemental non-MCPS facilities a maximum of two times per week.
5. Team activities must be supervised by an MCPS stipend coach at all times.

### **Shared Use of Artificial Turf Fields**

Due to the potential impact of severe weather during the spring season, a shared usage plan for MCPS artificial turf fields provides all 25 high schools with access to artificial turf during the spring preseason. Two weekends during the spring preseason period will be designated for shared usage of artificial turf fields. Each local school athletics specialist, with principal approval, may schedule teams according to the schedule on the opposite page.

The plan will be implemented each spring even though weather conditions may not be severe. If a school chooses not to exercise its option of using the shared facility, it should notify the host athletics specialist.

Schools are assigned geographically to the twelve artificial turf facilities, as indicated opposite.

# SPRING 2022 SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL USE OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS

SCHOOL	B-CC	Blair	Einstein	Gaithersburg	Walter Johnson	Kennedy
School 1	Churchill	Springbrook	Northwood	Clarksburg	Northwest	Sherwood
School 2						

SCHOOL	R. Montgomery	Paint Branch	Seneca Valley	Wheaton	Whitman	Wootton
School 1	Magruder	Blake	Damascus	Rockville	Poolesville	Quince Orchard
School 2			Watkins Mill			

## Weekend #1 (March 3-5)

### Schedule A – Host School Plus 1 Partner School

Thursday	Host – 3-6:00	SCHOOL 1 – 6:00-8:00		
Friday	Host – 3-6:30	SCHOOL 1 – 6:30-10:00		
Saturday	Host – 8-11:00	SCHOOL 1 – 11:00-2:00		

### Schedule B – Host School Plus 2 Partner Schools

Thursday	Host – 3-6:00	SCHOOL 1 – 6:00-8:00		
Friday	Host – 3-6:30	SCHOOL 2 – 6:30-9:00		
Saturday	Host – 8-10:00	SCHOOL 1 – 10:00-12:00	SCHOOL 2 – 12:00-2:00	

## Weekend #2 (March 10-11)

### Schedule A – Host School Plus 1 Partner School

Thursday	Host – 3-6:00	SCHOOL 1 – 6:00-8:00		
Friday	Host – 3-6:30	SCHOOL 1 – 6:30-10:00		
Saturday	Host – 8-11:00	SCHOOL 1 – 11:00-2:00		

### Schedule B – Host School Plus 2 Partner Schools

Thursday	Host – 3-6:00	SCHOOL 2 – 6:00-8:00		
Friday	Host – 3-6:30	SCHOOL 1 – 6:30-9:00		
Saturday	Host – 8-10:00	SCHOOL 2 – 10:00-12:00	SCHOOL 1 – 12:00-2:00	