

Dear Conestoga Athletic Family,

I am writing you today to inform you of the status of the 2020 fall athletic season. Today the <u>Central League announced</u> we wouldn't proceed with the fall season at this time. We understand this is extremely disappointing for our athletes and families. At this point, we are advocating that the PIAA approves an alternative schedule that will begin later in the year. Although the PIAA has given their endorsement to start the fall season, on August 14, 2020, the Chester County Health Departments updated their youth sports guidance to include the recommendation from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Governor Tom Wolf that athletic competitions not occur until January 2021. Our school district is utilizing the recommendations of the Chester County Health Department as the basis for determining our educational delivery methods for the start of the school year. As such, Conestoga supports the Central League's decision to not proceed with the fall season at this time. The students of Conestoga High School deserve the opportunity to compete in fall sports, we are hopeful that the PIAA will provide our students the opportunity to participate in fall athletic opportunities this spring.

Starting on 9/8 we will resume our voluntary off-season practices for all students who have submitted their PIAA paperwork (All paperwork will need to be submitted no later than 9/2/2020). The coaches will design practice schedules and routines to ensure our student athletes maintain a connection to their teammates and are in compliance with the district safety plan.

Regardless of the circumstances, the Conestoga Athletic family will continue to support our student athletes as best we can.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pechin T/E Athletic Director