

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Our middle school athletic practices and competitions will begin in the 2nd Quarter during the 2020-2021 school year. There will be no practices or competitions taking place in the 1st Quarter to allow time for middle school students to acclimate to the everyday routine of school. However, a schedule has been created to make certain all middle school sports have the opportunity to compete.

The following chart identifies when each middle school sport will begin its season for the 2020-2021 school year.

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>FIRST PRACTICE</b>	<b>FIRST GAME</b>
<b>Track</b>	<b>October 12, 2020</b>	<b>October 29, 2020</b>
<b>Flag Football</b>	<b>October 19, 2020</b>	<b>November 2, 2020</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>October 19, 2020</b>	<b>November 2, 2020</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>January 19, 2021</b>	<b>February 1, 2021</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>March 8, 2021</b>	<b>March 29, 2021</b>

Game procedures are in the process of being developed for middle school contests. They will mirror high school contests to ensure consistency. As we launch, our district will continue to follow the guidelines from the Florida Department of Health and will remain fluid while we monitor COVID-19 cases close to the 2nd Quarter of school.

We understand the physical and mental benefits of the athletic programs at our middle schools, but believe it is important to allow our younger athletes to return to school before joining in athletics.

Hillsborough County Public Schools is also in the process of adding athletic programs at three of our K-8 schools: Lutz, Maniscalco and Pizzo.