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**Upon advice from Medical Advisory Team, Governor signs Emergency Directive reclassifying lacrosse as “minimal-contact sport”**

*Governor Sisolak’s signs new directive to align with latest guidance from medical experts*

CARSON CITY - In response to a request by Governor Steve Sisolak to conduct a reevaluation of contact sport classifications under [Emergency Directives 034](#), the Governor’s Medical Advisory Team (MAT) submitted new recommendations that will pave the way for certain sports to resume with mitigation measures in place.

Upon review, the MAT recommended reclassifying lacrosse as a “minimal-contact sport” due to its intermediate risk of transmission (lacrosse was previously classified as a “full-contact sport”). The MAT also recommended continuing the current risk classification for all sports not identified in the latest [NCAA guidance](#), which was used as reference material during their review process.

These recommendations have been accepted and updated in [Emergency Directive 039](#), signed today by Gov. Sisolak. The changes are effective immediately, and the updates are also reflected in Nevada Health Response [issued guidance](#).

In addition to reclassifying Lacrosse from a “full-contact sport” to a “minimal contact sport,” the Directive and guidance have been updated to clarify that Ice Hockey is classified as a “full-contact sport” and Field Hockey is classified as a “minimal-contact sport.”

In alignment with previous directives and guidance, minimal- and non-contact sports are allowed to conduct practices, games and competitions, both indoors and outdoors, if social distancing and other requirements can be met. Tournaments may resume on Monday, March 15, 2021, if a safety plan is submitted and approved as set forth in the State’s guidance.

Full- and close-contact sports governed and regulated by the NIAA have also been allowed to resume under Directive 038. Full-contact sports run by travel clubs, private leagues and clubs, recreational leagues and centers and park districts sports programs remain prohibited at this time.

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