

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Baudelia Campos
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:45 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let them play

I would love for my boy to play spring season of lacrosse with games!

Thank you!!

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: brian meier
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:33 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Lacrosse Classification

Dear Covid Task Force,

My name is Brian Meier, and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Lacrosse has played an important roll in getting my son, Quinn, out of his room to exercise and socialize in a covid safe environment.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider the sport's classification in a timely manner for the benefit of our kids, and to further the Great State of Nevada's mission to "look for opportunities to allow Nevada youth to re-engage in activities that promote health and well-being."

Sincerely,
Brian Meier

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Cammy LoRe
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:11 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Lacrosse IS intermediate risk

Hello,

I am writing in my full support of reclassifying Lacrosse as an intermediate risk sport. Much like soccer, these kids are spaced out on the field and the objective is not to grab the ball away but knock it out with a stick that is several feet long. Rarely do these kids meet up face to face, probably less than soccer actually.

Please let our kids play their outdoor, well-spaced sport.

Thank you,
Cammy LoRe
On behalf of the High Sierra Lacrosse League

From:
To: [PressRoom Nevada Health Response](#)
Subject: Lacrosse
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 2:37:48 PM

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

My name is Charleen Hutton and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Sincerely,

Charleen Hutton

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From: Hensley, Cheryl
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 7:53 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let them play Lacrosse

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

My name is Cheryl Hensley and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Cheryl Hensley

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From: Chris Padgett
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12:16 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
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Sincerely,
Chris Padgett

Sent from my iPhone

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Chris Whitbeck
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:21 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: I'm a Sports Official supporting Lacrosse reclassification

As a sports official for baseball for 45 years, football for 30 years and Lacrosse for 11 years, and a WCSD employee for 14 years working with students, plus a Boy Scout Leader for almost 20 years, i can tell you that in my humble opinion the sport of Lacrosse is in the wrong classification as far as contact and risk of spreading disease. I coached football for 10 years and know the sport well and i would classify football as more dangerous to spread disease than Lacrosse and therefore Lacrosse is in the wrong category and needs to be moved.

With that said, i am grateful to get back out on the football field this week officiating high school games, while hoping for the opportunity to officiate Lacrosse in April. Please reconsider where Lacrosse is categorized.

Thanks, Chris Whitbeck

"Keep the Faith and the Faith will keep you."

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From: Chris Entwistle
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:09 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
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Chris Entwistle

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Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:00 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
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Christopher R. Entwistle, LUTCF

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From: Clint Stitser
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 6:04 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let Them Play

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Sincerely,
Clint Stitser

Sent from my iPad

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: David Blazer
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:30 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Lacrosse

To whom it may concern

Our children are suffering. The cure should not be worse than the cause. They need structure back in their life. Lacrosse is the one thing that my son loves to do. Keeping him on a good path.

Please don't take this away from our kids!

Thanks

David

Blazer

Dear Covid-19 Task Force,

Our names are Dom and Kathlene Le Blanc, and we are writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Sincerely,

Dom and Kathlene Le Blanc

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Duane Runyan
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 7:37 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Please reclassify youth lacrosse

Greeting,

I am writing to request that youth lacrosse be reclassified as an intermediate risk sport. For whatever reason it was classed more similar to wrestling than soccer. Having been both a player and coach for this great game, lacrosse is an intermediate risk sport like soccer and not near as much contact as football or wrestling.

I greatly appreciate the task forces navigation through this pandemic. You all have been amazing at flexibly responding to our State's needs based on science and public health. It is time to make this change to more accurately reflect the risk of exposure for this sport. Other states including California have already made this change and their kids are on the field. It is time for the kids to play lacrosse in Nevada again. So many good reasons.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Duane Runyan, Ph.D., MBA
Child Clinical Psychologist &
Lacrosse Coach for U14 North Reno Outlaws

From:
To: [PressRoom Nevada Health Response](#)
Subject: Lacrosse in Nevada
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:19:29 AM

Dear Governor Sisolak

My name is Ella Morrow and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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My name is Ella Morrow and I am a freshman lacrosse player. I have been playing lacrosse for over seven years and it has made a big impact on my life. Lacrosse has always been a

big part of my life considering my Dad was one of the founders of the High Sierra Lacrosse League. He devotes a big portion of his time to help grow lacrosse in Northern Nevada. Losing last season made a big impact on many players' abilities. Many of us have not even played a game since two seasons ago. Losing another season would greatly affect our playing abilities, attitudes, and mental and physical stamina. Lacrosse is a sport where I am not only growing my athletic abilities, but I am also gaining a forever group of family and friends. I am forever grateful to be apart of the lacrosse community in Northern Nevada. Being able to play lacrosse again would give me hope of going back to some sort of normalcy.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider the sport's classification in a timely manner for the benefit of youth lacrosse players, and to further the Great State of Nevada's mission to "look for opportunities to allow Nevada youth to re-engage in activities that promote health and well-being."

Sincerely,

Ella Morrow

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Gabriela Falcon
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:30 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response

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Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Hallie Zakoor
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 6:46 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let lacrosse players have their season!

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

My name is Hallie Zakoor and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Sincerely,

Hallie Zakoor

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Hunter
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 11:56 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Reclassify Lacrosse

Dear Nevada COVID-19 Task Force:

My name is Hunter Mee, I am a sophomore student-athlete at Galena High School and I desperately need lacrosse's risk classification to be reclassified!! I have been working for years to be recruited to play lacrosse in college and losing a 2nd year would greatly jeopardize my chances.

It's hard enough to be seen by coaches, coming from our little area, and not having access to play the sport makes it worse. Those athletes outside of NV have more opportunities to showcase their talents and having another season prohibited virtually eliminates any student-athlete in NV from being recruited! By eliminating our ability to play here means that serious athlete will need to travel out of state to play, I think that would concern you from the stand point of more travel and interactions with others that wouldn't need to happen if only we could play here.

Please support the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada since it has been erroneously classified. You should know that lacrosse is played outside, it is fast paced, and there is no shared equipment. Nevada's position on the game is basically out-of-step with what is happening nationally.

If lacrosse can't be played this spring, 1,300 plus youth and high school players in the High Sierra Lacrosse community, and many more in southern Nevada will be adversely affected in more ways than you know. Please don't let that happen to us!

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Sincerely,
Hunter Mee

From:
To: [PressRoom Nevada Health Response](#)
Subject: Let them Play
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:20:25 AM
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Sincerely,

Jeremy Peterson, CFP®, LUTCF, CLF, FSS

Manager, Northern Nevada



Dear: Governor Sisolak

My name is Joseph Mayer and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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There is no logical reason to not allow Lacrosse to go forward as football is allowed to go forward.

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Joseph Mayer

Sparks Nevada

Meagan Werth Ranson

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 12:28 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Lacrosse

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

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Sincerely,

Kylee Kepler

Sent from my iPhone

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: lauren healy
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:49 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Lacrosse

I am writing this a little past 1am...I can't sleep.

Every time I close my eyes another thought rushes in.

I have had so much taken from me...

Last year I stepped onto the lacrosse field so eager because I was finally the upper class man on the team. I knew I had to go out there and push myself...and so I did. I went into my first game a complete nervous wreck but I didn't show it because I wanted to be the role model. I knew I didn't do good but I told myself I'd do better next time....

There was no next time.

The pandemic took over and that was all the playing time I was going to get my Junior year.

Yeah, I was upset but everyone just said "be glad you have next year".

Fast forward....

It's my last first day of high school. This is it. I've been waiting this year for as long as I can remember.

Things were different but so far going good. I got to experience Senior sunrise and that was everything I had ever hoped it would be.

But then, the pandemic seemed to wipe it all out. We were full distance learning and the only time I left the house was to go to work. I would get up for zoom calls where sometimes I was the only one there...it was depressing. I felt like I was living in a movie. Although, I was upset about this...I still wasn't broken down yet because I still had so much to look forward to (prom, LACROSSE, graduation).

Then December hit and I was SO ready for 2020 to be over because 2021 held everything I really wanted.

Then December 21st, I lost my best friend. Lily was really everything holding me together because she has been there my whole life. I never ever imagined losing her.

I felt defeated

But the new year came and I knew I couldn't give up hope because I needed to stay strong for Lily.

I remember getting the email saying we have lacrosse practice starting in 2 weeks and I just had this weight lifted off my shoulders. It felt like I had just won the lottery.

The first day of practice- I woke up and went into the bathroom to get ready. I put on my "Pre-game lacrosse" playlist and started to get in the mindset. I got in the car and put on the same playlist. I could barely sit through the three classes I have because I couldn't stop thinking of my lacrosse stick in my hand.

I got in the car to drive to practice and I once again put on this playlist....I made this playlist my freshman year of high school and I have listened to before every practice and game. My mindset walking onto the field for my first practice of Senior year was "appreciate every moment here because you never know when it will be your last". I had so much confidence and passion during that practice. I honestly think the most I've ever had while playing, because if I could get anything in my senior year it would be my last season.

I walked to my bag after practice and saw a text saying football can play games... and well I thought that would mean lacrosse could have games too...

Only to find out that I can not play games.

It felt like someone had taken my soul out of my body. I had so many emotions (anger, sadness, etc.).

I already knew I wasn't getting a graduation or a prom so this was it. This means I get NOTHING.

I get absolutely nothing from my senior year.

I have lost TWO years of my career as an athlete. Lacrosse has been everything to me...

There is no greater feeling in the world than holding that stick in my hand, than stepping onto the field, than pushing all of your energy from your feet to your arms and ripping in the most amazing goal....there is nothing better than the feeling I get when I play.

I refuse to give up, I refuse to believe that this is how my senior year will end...how my last season will end.

Lacrosse is so much more than a sport to me...it's truly my medicine game.

Sincerely,
Lauren Healy

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: LeeAhanna Kenny
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:01 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Lacrosse

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I've absolutely loved playing so far. I only started my freshman year, but then my sophomore year we only got 2 games. This would also be my first year as the full time goalie and if football can play I would also like to be giving the opportunity as well.

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Sincerely,
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Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Lisa Afuang
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:05 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Spanish springs lacrosse

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

My name is Liesel Afuang and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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A thing to consider is that , we didn't get a full season last year , after the spike in Covid outbreaks in Vegas. Taking away our season this year will mean that's two years of a typical 4 year athletic career robbed. Two years of scholarship and scout opportunities taken from these girls/boys that work so hard and follow these guidelines.

Another point you've seemed to forget is that us, the Spanish springs lacrosse team, make all our money on our own. Being a club sport, we don't get a cent from school fundraisers or activities- everything is paid for, from OUR fundraisers, wine tastings, auctions, and OUR sponsorships that WE as athletes and parents have to seek out. WCSD doesn't provide us busses for transportation to games or uniforms every year , we as a team pay for our own jerseys once every two years . We work hard to find our sport, and it take it away would truly be heartbreaking.

Our teams absolutely love playing lacrosse. And put our sweat into this sport. We'd very much appreciate them being allowed to compete this spring season, with the same restrictions as youth soccer.

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Sincerely,

Liesel Afuang ,

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Lisa Swan
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 4:42 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let them Play

Dear Ms. Delahney,

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Sincerely,

From:
To: [PressRoom Nevada Health Response](#)
Subject: Girls Youth Lacrosse
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 11:07:01 AM

To Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

My name is Liz Corona and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Sincerely,

Liz

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force:

My name is Margo Mee and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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My son is a current sophomore, luckily he made the Varsity lacrosse team last year (the only one in his class) so he was able to play at least two games before the season was canceled. He can't afford to lose another season as it WILL JEOPARDIZE his recruiting. He needs games in order to have film to present to coaches. He can have contact from coaches this summer but they won't be reaching out if he hasn't played in two years! Many of his peers in other states have been able to continue to play this past summer and fall which is putting him further behind. We just returned from a National Face Off Championship back east and it was noticeable that the kids back east were able to continue to play. The future of our kids here in NV is being hurt with lacrosse being prohibited. If you want NV to be well represented across the country in top colleges by student-athletes, they need to be able to play and show they can complete. Please reclassify lacrosse so they can prove themselves!

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Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Mary Ramage
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 2:05 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: High Sierra Lacrosse (High School)

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

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Sincerely,
Mary Ramage

Meagan Werth Ranson

From:
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12:27 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Nevada Youth Lacrosse

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Sincerely,

Melissa Peterson

Sent from Melissa's iPhone

Dear Governor Sisolak, the COVID-19 Task Force and State Legislators:

My name is Michael Keane and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

Please reconsider the classification of youth Lacrosse so that high school lacrosse can be held in the spring of 2021. Lacrosse has been erroneously classified possibly due to an incomplete understanding of the game by decision makers. You should know that lacrosse is played outside, it is fast paced, and Nevada's classification should be modified so that it is in step with the NCAA classification: **The NCAA has classified mens and womens lacrosse as an intermediate risk sport** (the same as soccer) citing "frequent, short-lived proximity among all competitors." See pages 20 and 21 of [Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition \(Updated\)](#)

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Sincerely,

Michael Keane

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From: Hensley, Cheryl
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 7:53 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let them play Lacrosse

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

My name is Cheryl Hensley and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Hensley

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Meagan Werth Ranson

From:
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:34 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE

Dear Governor Sisolak,

My name is Mike Stewart and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Sincerely,

Mike Stewart

Reno, Nevada

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From: Nicholas Sanseri
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:34 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let them play

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Nick Sanseri, LUTCF

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Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Patty Towle
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 10:25 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: re classification of Lacrosse
Attachments: classification of the sport of Lacrosse.pdf

Dear Megan Delahney,

Please find attached a letter for Governor Sisolak. This is regarding, what i feel is an error on the part of the State in its classification and thus cancelation of youth and High School Lacrosse.

Thank you for your and the Governors attention to this important and urgent matter.

Respectfully,

Nicolas Towle

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Riley Hoyt
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 2:36 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: High Sierra Lacrosse

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Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:42 AM
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Ron West DMD

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Meagan Werth Ranson
Subject: FW: SSHS Lacrosse Let Them Play

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From: Sarah Zakoor
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 12:11 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response <PressRoom@nvhealthresponse.nv.gov>
Subject: SSHS Lacrosse Let Them Play

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From: Scott Hix
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:57 AM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Let Them Play!

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Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Steve Morrow
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 2:05 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Lacrosse COVID-19 Risk Classification in Nevada

To Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

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Stephen A. Morrow, P.E.
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Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Steve Neighbors
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:18 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: let them play

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Sincerely,

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From: [Timley Schinault](#)
To: [PressRoom Nevada Health Response](#)
Subject: lacrosse reclassification
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 3:05:02 PM

HI All

I hope this email finds you well. I do greatly appreciate all the work that is being done to keep all of us safe and sound during this very scary time. While I understand that you are doing your best to keep our children safe and healthy please consider reclassifying lacrosse as an intermediate risk sport. We desperately need to get our kids back to playing lacrosse as it is a large part of their lives and mental well being. The kids have turned their lives upside and given up so much mostly for the sake of adults and those in older populations. Please reevaluate this and get them back to play as the NCAA has done so.

Thanks so much for your time and stay well.

Timley Schinault

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Tseyu Figueroa
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:16 PM
To: PressRoom Nevada Health Response
Subject: Spanish Springs lacrosse

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Governor Sisolak and the Nevada COVID-19 Task Force,

My name is Tseyu Figueroa and I am writing in support of the High Sierra Lacrosse request to change the risk classification of boys and girls youth and high school lacrosse in Nevada.

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Sincerely,

Tseyu Figueroa

From:
To: [PressRoom Nevada Health Response](#)
Subject: Reclassification of Nevada Lacrosse
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 6:54:41 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Zack Jackson, I am 13 years old and am a lacrosse player. I live in Carson Valley, and have my whole life. I am writing with regards to the classification of lacrosse. Currently, Lacrosse is considered a full contact sport along with football. I was surprised when my brother announced that he was going to be able to play a high school football season and wondered why I could not play a youth lacrosse season. It is because of the incorrect classification of this sport, and there are several reasons why this needs to be changed.

The NCAA, unlike the state of Nevada, has classified lacrosse in the category of partial contact along with soccer. Nevada currently has it in the full contact category. In the case that lacrosse was changed to a partial contact sport, the over 1,300 youth players of lacrosse in northern Nevada would be able to participate in a full lacrosse season. A common misconception about the sport of lacrosse is that it has constant lengthened close quarter contact. But this is wrong. In pages 20 and 21 of the Resocialization of the Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition of Lacrosse, Second Edition, It states that lacrosse has "Frequent, short lived proximity among all competitors". This description matches the contact of soccer. That is simply not long enough of contact to spread the Coronavirus.

Furthermore, the NFHS has gotten rid of out of date sport classifications and stated that "as knowledge of the virus that causes Covid 19 has evolved we have increasingly recognized that transmission depends upon multiple factors that cannot be easily accounted for by simply dividing sports into 3 distinct categories of risk".

In closing, lacrosse is an outdoor, fast moving, partial contact sport. I respectfully ask that you reevaluate the status of lacrosse, and further the Silver State's mission to "look for opportunities to allow Nevada youth to re engage in activities that promote health and well being". Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Zack Jackson

From:
To: Lacrosse reclassification
Monday, March 1, 2021 10:02:06 AM

Subject:
Date:

Good morning,

I would like to pass on this letter lobbying for a reclassification of the sport of lacrosse. As a coach originally from the east coast, I am watching the game take root and expand here in Washoe County at a tremendous pace. Our numbers have grown by about 25% every year, and we have almost 60 male players that want to try out at our own small school. We also field a female program. I can say to you with absolute honesty as a coach that is watching the game develop, that this would be devastating to lacrosse in the region.

While this would be heartbreaking, my main concern is the safety of my players and my students. As a teacher, I have witnessed the struggles that many of my students have endured this past year. Now there is hope on the horizon, and the hallmarks of high school are slowly starting to resume. School is starting to sound like the warm, charismatic, boisterous, and hopeful place that it once was! While we are thrilled to see the majority of students being able to return to their lives, I cannot help but notice how full of despair my own small group of lacrosse players have become in the wake of this classification dispute.

Every day, my seniors come and ask if there have been any developments, and every day I have given them the same answer: I am cautiously optimistic that the decision makers will understand the game of lacrosse enough to reasonably assess the risk this moderate contact sport poses to our community.

I urge my government to reconsider its position based on the following points that our league has made:

High Sierra Lacrosse strongly disagrees with the NV COVID-19 Task Force and Governor Sisolaks' decision to disallow competitive youth and high school lacrosse statewide, while allowing other sports with the same actual risk profile, to continue. Both boys and girls lacrosse have been erroneously classified and enormously impacted in Nevada, perhaps due to an incomplete understanding of the game by decision makers.

High Sierra Lacrosse agrees with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) that both boys and girls lacrosse should be treated as intermediate transmission risk sports, the same as soccer, citing “frequent, short-lived proximity among all competitors.” See pages 20 and 21 of [Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition \(Updated\)](#)

More specifically, High Sierra Lacrosse agrees with the [most recent guidance of the National Federation of State High School Associations \(NFHS\)](#) that the rote risk classification of a sport based on the rules of the game alone, without a holistic review of all risk factors and mitigations, is scientifically invalid. NFHS guidance eliminates the tiered “Potential Infection Risk by Sport” model that placed sports in high-, medium- and low-risk categories, stating that, “as knowledge of the virus that causes COVID-19 has evolved, we have increasingly recognized that transmission depends upon multiple factors that cannot be easily accounted for by simply dividing sports into three distinct categories of risk.”

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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-Zach Werner

Constituent of Washoe County

High School Teacher and Lacrosse Coach