**NOTE: This SOP does not contain information on the WIAC Wrestling and Gymnastics Championships UWO is slated to host this spring as well as any non-predetermined conference or national championship events. Due to conference and national organization logistics, details are still being worked out. In addition, no dates are provided. We need to determine if we can host events before a schedule is put in place.

1) Overview:
   a) UW Oshkosh Intercollegiate Athletics will be following all recommendations and guidelines of the NCAA’s Resocialization of Collegiate Sport. These recommendations and guidelines are updated frequently and can be found by going to: https://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/covid-19-coronavirus.
   b) UWO will adopt the WIAC guidelines and protocols stated by the WIAC athletic training staff and administration.

2) Applicability:
   a) Student-athletes, athletic staff, external stakeholders

3) Procedure:
   a) Tiering:
      i) Testing strategies are designed to be directed toward student-athletes and athletics personnel who have regular, close contact with student-athletes. This group of individuals is considered Tier 1, which is the highest exposure tier. Following is a summary explanation of Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 risk categories. All individual sport testing requirements will be later in this document.
         1) Tier 1 — This is the highest exposure tier and consists of individuals for whom physical distancing and face coverings are not possible or effective during athletic training or competition. Examples of relevant individuals include
student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, physical therapists, medical staff, equipment staff and officials.

(2) Tier 2 — This is a moderate exposure tier and consists of individuals who come into close contact with Tier 1 individuals but can reasonably maintain physical distance and use face coverings. Examples of relevant individuals include certain team staff (for example, executives) and certain operational staff (for example, security, event staff and league staff).

(3) Tier 3 — This is the lowest exposure tier and includes individuals who provide event services but do not come into close contact with Tier 1 individuals (and should this occur, would be reclassified into Tier 2). Examples of relevant individuals include certain operational staff (for example, housekeeping, catering, sanitation and transportation) and media or broadcast workers.

ii) No one outside of Tier 1 and Tier 2 individuals shall be allowed in team areas when student-athletes are present. These areas include the athletic training room, locker rooms, etc. These areas will be secured by the host institution.

iii) Only official travel party (Tier 1) are permitted on the competition area.

iv) Tier 2 and Tier 3 individuals will have access to the competition area but MUST remain physically distanced from Tier 1 individuals.

b) Cleaning/Sanitizing

i) Prior to Events

(1) Locker Rooms (if provided, not provided for all sports)

(a) Home team, visiting team, and officials’ locker rooms/meeting space will be sanitized by the home institution at least six hours prior to the arrival of teams and officials for the competition.

(b) Locker rooms will be open for events only. They will not be open for practices.

(c) After team arrives, sanitizing of locker rooms are the responsibility of each team. (The visiting teams are not cleaning the locker room before or after their use. UWO will be doing this. If the visiting team wishes to sanitize the locker room when they arrive, they have the ability to do so. No UWO staff should or will be
entering the locker room during the contest to sanitize it.)

(d) Visiting team locker rooms will be provided with disinfecting wipes/spray/rags and hand sanitizer by the host institution. Visiting teams may bring their own as well.

(e) If applicable, team members are encouraged to shower at their hotel or home after the contest as opposed to at the venue.

(2) Equipment

(a) No “walk throughs” are available to visiting teams prior to four hours before the event start.

(b) All equipment will be sanitized prior to entering the competition venue.

(c) Refer to specific sport to determine if UWO will supply or if the visiting team must supply.

(d) Sanitizing stations will be ordered and placed in designated areas of the facility depending on sport.

(e) Each player and coach will have their own water bottle and towel by their seat (if applicable). Players and coaches will be responsible for getting their own water and towels, including during timeouts.

(f) Hydration

(i) Team members should drink only out of their own cup/personal water bottle.

(ii) Water bottles should be labeled for individual use. Contactless water dispensers may be used.

(iii) Each team will have its own set of hydration coolers.

ii) During Events

(1) Each sport will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to chart below.

(c) Pre-Meet/Game Athletic Training Requirements

(i) An official travel roster must be submitted to each team’s athletic trainer. This should include email and phone number for contact tracing purposes. These rosters will be shared with the other team’s athletic trainer.
The official roster should be limited to coaching staff, athletic trainers, managers, student-athletes, and athletic department team staff.

ii) Student-athletes and members of the official travel party will complete a temperature check/health screening with their own athletic trainer prior to arriving at the facility. These screenings will be provided to the host’s athletic trainer.

iii) Both team’s athletic trainer must confirm with each other that all WIAC and NCAA COVID-19 guidelines have been followed including testing.

iv) Upon arrival to UWO, visiting student-athletes will have temperature checks performed by UWO Sports Medicine Staff. If a visiting team student-athlete has an initial temperature over 100.4 F, temperature will be taken a second time and symptom screening administered. If second reading is over 100.4 F, then student-athlete will be disqualified from competition and will isolate in Kolf 169M (Physician’s office) during time of competition. UWO’s Sports Medicine Staff will notify visiting team’s coaches and medical staff.

d) Face Coverings
   i) Official travel party will wear a face covering as they enter and leave the facility.
   ii) Official travel party should practice social distancing when possible.
   iii) All members of coaching staff, student-athlete and all support staff on the sidelines or not actively competing must wear face coverings.
   iv) Face coverings must be worn while transitioning to and from the locker room and competition area. Student-athletes and team bench personnel must also wear face coverings within their team locker room.
   v) For sport specific face covering policy, please refer to the table.

e) Officials/Judges/Referees
   i) Officials should drive individually to the venue.
   ii) Officials should arrive dressed. Locker rooms will be available for restrooms and storage of personal gear. Showers will not be available post-game.
   iii) All officials are required to wear face coverings as they enter and leave the facility.
   iv) Face coverings must be worn while transitioning to and from the locker room and competition area.
v) Officials should provide their own drinks as these will not be provided. Food will not be allowed.

vi) Officials are required to complete a health screening prior to arriving at the facility. In general, the majority of officials will be in an NCAA database that will require this. If the official is not part of the database, the home athletic trainers will monitor this. Failure to complete will result in them not being able to officiate.

vii) Officials will complete a temperature check upon arrival at the facility. Athletic trainers, or in the event they are busy - event managers, will be responsible for taking the onsite temperatures and verifying compliance.

viii) Electronic whistles will be used whenever possible.

f) Other Game Day Personnel
   i) Individuals at the scorers’ table must wear face coverings.
   ii) No physical contact between coach, official and scorers’ table (e.g., handshake, fist bumps, etc.)
   iii) Only game workers will be permitted at the scorers’ table.
       (1) Announcer, Scorebook, Videoboard Operator, Game Clock Operator, Shot Clock Operator, Music Operator, Sports Information Director
       (2) No additional seats
       (3) Physical distance as best as possible.
   iv) A strict limit on the number of photographers/camera operators and media members will be allowed on the floor. All of these individuals must first be cleared to attend by the Sports Information Director.
       (1) No media access will be allowed in the team bench area unless included on the official travel party.
   v) All game day personnel are required to complete a health screening prior to arriving at the facility.
   vi) All game day personnel will complete a temperature check upon arrival at the facility.
   vii) All event staff will be required to sign a liability waiver and Titan Safety Promise (along with their other HR documentation) prior to employment.

g) In-Game
   i) Eliminate the pregame and postgame handshake involving the two participating teams and officials.
   ii) No concessions or hospitality will be provided.
   iii) No on-floor pregame game ball delivery and honorary captains.
iv) All on-floor recognitions and halftime events are to be eliminated. If necessary, only virtually produced marketing and interactive events are allowed.

h) Spectators
   i) No general spectators are allowed.

i) Other Notes:
   i) The acquisition of the tests is part of the UW System initiative. All testing, contact tracing and managing positive tests will be overseen in conjunction with the UWO testing center, the UWO athletic trainers and the UWO contact tracers. Cadence of testing will be dictated by the WIAC for each individual sport. This will be a WIAC policy and not just a UWO policy. Institutionally, if someone is not compliant with the testing program, this would forfeit them for the next immediate competition. Additional sanctions may be applied for repeat offenders.

ii) Referees will be tested in accordance to NCAA guidelines. Not every sport will require testing because of their interaction with student-athletes and coaches. The risk level is deemed low. The NCAA guidelines can be found here: https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/ssi/COVID/SSI_ResocializationDevelopingStandardsSecondEdition.pdf

4) Guidance Documents/Policy Links:
f) Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Basketball: https://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/core-principles-resocialization-collegiate-basketball


5) Definitions
   a) COVID like illness/symptoms
      i) Shortness of breath
      ii) Difficulty breathing
      iii) Cough or other respiratory symptoms
      iv) Chest pain
      v) Severe headache
      vi) Chills
      vii) Muscle aches/ body aches
      viii) Sore throat
      ix) Congestion/ runny nose
      x) New loss of taste or smell
      xi) Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
      xii) Pain, redness, swelling or rash on toes or fingers (COVID-toes)
      xiii) New rash or other skin symptoms
      xiv) Temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit or greater
   b) Known Exposure
      i) Contact with an infected individual or prolonged contact with a crowd without physical distancing
   c) Isolation
      i) Keeping sick people away from others by limiting contact. They are separated from everyone else either in their home or in another place that allows for it. Minimum of 10 days, but may be extended due to severity and length of symptoms.
   d) Quarantine
      i) Restricts movement and contact of healthy people who have been exposed and lasts for 14 days.
   e) COVID-19 PCR test
      i) A laboratory test for use in testing patient specimens for severe acute respiratory syndrome.
   f) Personal Protective Equipment
i) Protective materials such as gowns, gloves, masks, face shields, among others designed to protect the wearer’s body from injury or infection.

g) Medical Stability
i) Medical Stability is determined by the mental status and vital signs of the patient.
   (1) A patient is considered mentally unstable if the patient does not have any motor response or is unable to respond. This includes no reaction to a pain stimuli, unable to move, unable to obey commands, no eye response (pupil dilation or constriction), no verbal response (this includes no response at all, incomprehensible words, not making any sense, confused, or disoriented speech).
   (2) A patient is considered to have unstable vital signs if a patient is increased temperature (above 100.4 F), unable to breath (or difficult breathing), does not have a pulse, decreased oxygen blood saturation, or abnormal blood pressure.
   (3) A patient is considered to be medically stable if they have full mental status (able to comprehend what is happening around them and able to focus) and have normal vital signs (normal heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, temperature, and oxygen saturation).

h) Re-Acclimatization
i) The act or process of readapting an individual to a given environment or situation.

i) Contact Tracing
i) Communication process that supports an infected individual and also identifies individuals that may be at risk for COVID-19 due to contact with an infected individual. It is important to limiting the spread of COVID-19 by identifying those that are at risk and asking them to isolate (positive COVID-19 patient) or quarantine (healthy person that encountered a positive COVID-19 patient).

j) Actively Participating
i) When a student-athlete is involved in either practice or games and is participating in practice. A student-athlete is not actively participating when they spend most of the time during a practice or game watching other players.
6) Revision History:
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