



ATHLETICS PLAN

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY RE-OPEN PLAN FALL 2020

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Francis Marion University's Department of Athletics has implemented a number of procedures to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease. The start of the fall season has been pushed back until Oct. 1 and is currently under review. When the season does begin, the following procedures will be in place:

- Patriots student-athletes will be informed of campus guidelines and athletic department policies prior to the start of practice and game schedules.
- Before any athletic department event, every student-athlete will complete a health screening. Locker rooms will be restricted to only student-athletes and will be used only on game days.
- Locker-rooms will be disinfected before and after they are used.
- Weight and fitness rooms in the Smith University Center will be open to only student-athletes under athletic department supervision during the 2020 fall semester.
- Attendance at Patriot athletic contests will be limited to 35-percent of capacity at all FMU facilities.
- Spectators will be required to wear masks at all times, and observe social distancing, both in the seating areas and at concessions areas and ticket operations.
- Sanitary Wipes and Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be available for all spectators. Spectators will also not be allowed on the playing areas (court or field).

FMU president Dr. Fred Carter designated an Athletics Committee to develop this plan. The plan conform to NCAA and Peach Belt Conference guidelines and regulations. And, like FMU's overall University procedures, follows the recommendations of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

This plan is subject to change if governing bodies update their latest guidance.