



Griffith BlackCats families:

Due to some unfortunate circumstances and after thoroughly discussing a lot of factors, the BlackCats Board unanimously decided that the best course of action would be to cancel the 2021 BlackCats season.

We love our program and how much it means to the community. While most of us are exhausted on Sunday night after a full day of BlackCats basketball, we love the competition and camaraderie that we witness on those courts. It is what makes us come back week after week. While we want to have those experiences again, we feel we are making a responsible decision for our community.

Factors in our decision:

Griffith Public Schools is not currently renting their facilities to any outside organizations. Which we understand at this time. After discussing alternate locations, we have come to realize that we would need all the courts and space that GHS offers.

Cold and flu season is coming up.

Policing all teams and players about illness, colds, Covid, etc. for every practice and game day.

If the school system did let us rent their facilities, what testing protocols would they demand and how could we implement it as we are usually shorthanded every Sunday.

Officials – last minute shortages due to the pandemic. We use IHSAA officials that officiate HS games during the week.

We hope that 2021 brings some normalcy back to our lives and we see kids playing all over the community at our playgrounds, on our courts, and ballfields.

Stay safe, be smart, wear your masks and wash your hands. We want to see not only our players smiling faces next year, but also their siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents.

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