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Minnesota West Community & Technical College Athletic Announcement for Fall

(Worthington, MN) Minnesota West Community & Technical College along with the Minnesota State presidents of the member colleges of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference (MCAC) met to determine how to move forward with intercollegiate athletics for fall semester in light of COVID-19. The presidents reaffirmed the commitment to protecting the health of student athletes.

In consideration of the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health, MCAC fall sports will be limited to those identified as low risk, Clay Target and Golf. MCAC seasons have been canceled for Football, Volleyball, and Soccer. For basketball, baseball, softball, and wrestling, in which practice and competition spans fall and spring semesters, all organized physical activities are prohibited during the fall semester. Discussions about the potential for spring seasons for these sports are continuing and guidance will be provided in the near future.

Minnesota West President Dr. Terry Gaalswyk comments, "Minnesota West is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment to our students. The difficult decision shared today does not erode our steadfast and long-term commitment to intercollegiate sports. Our top priority remains the health and safety of our student-athletes as well as our fans, communities and the overall well-being of others during these uncharted times."

The Minnesota College Athletic Conference (MCAC) consists of 24 two-year colleges located in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.