

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION INCREASES NATIONALLY

### *Football*

- Wisconsin ranks 14th in the nation in total participation with 184,479 participants
- With the adoption of state laws and protocols for concussion management – we believe that the sport of football is as safe as it has been since 1932
- Boys participation increased about 25,000; while girls participation increased to 36,591

### *Track and Field*

- Largest increase for both boys and girls – 12,501 boys and 7,243 girls
- Ranks second to football in boys participation and ranks first for girls participation

### *Top 10 Sports for Girls (\*increase in participation)*

1. Track and Field\* - additional 7,243
2. Volleyball\*
3. Basketball
4. Soccer\*
5. Fast-Pitch Softball\*
6. Cross Country\*
7. Tennis\*
8. Swimming and Diving
9. Competitive Spirit Squad
10. Lacrosse\*

### *Top 10 Sports for Boys (\*increase in participation)*

1. Football\* - additional 25,000
2. Track and Field\* - additional 12,501
3. Basketball\* - additional 4,949
4. Baseball\* - additional 2,248
5. Soccer\* - additional 7,753
6. Cross Country\* - additional 6,710
7. Wrestling (decline of 7,555 but an additional 2,000 girls participated)
8. Tennis
9. Golf
10. Swimming and Diving
11. Lacrosse\*

### *Non-Traditional High School Sports*

- Archery had 8,668 participants
- Badminton had 17,645 participants
- Flag Football had 12,093 participants

\*\*Survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)\*\*