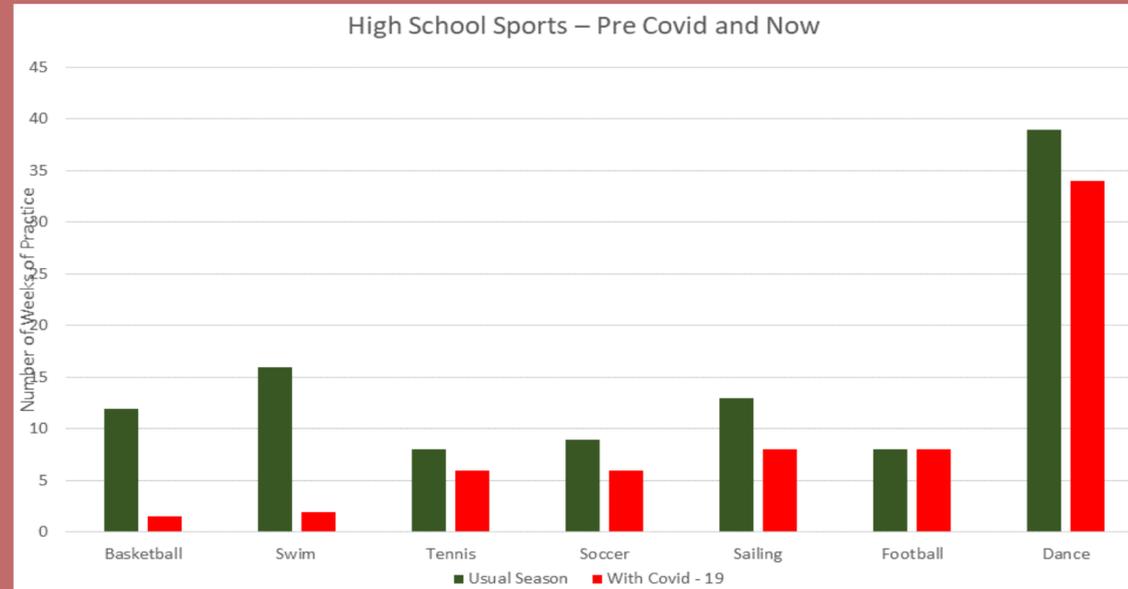


Sports Seasons During COVID-19

High school athletics around the country were upset by the pandemic, resulting in the WIAA making the decision to shorten and switch up seasons for schools in Washington state. According to a report from NCSA, "Washington high school sports were delayed at the start of the school year. Washington cancelled fall competition from mid-September to mid-October. They are now playing altered or delayed schedules," (NCSA Sports).



Left: The pandemic shorted the length of many school sports seasons in the Bellingham School District.

Sailing

Sailing saw a few changes due to Covid like wearing masks, and keeping distance on the dock. The team still made lots of progress on the few regatta competitions they had every weekend. But it also gave opportunities to have special guest presenters over zoom. Robyn



Lesh, a Sehome Alumni, presented about her current role at the New York Yacht Club America's Magic America's Cup team as a boat designer. The team was able to qualify for regionals in May. Rising senior, Bailey Logan, has been excited to get back on the water with the team. "I love sailing and I was super excited to see my teammates and start practicing and competing again."

Basketball

With a season like no other, the Sehome boys and girls basketball teams faced challenges like never before. From a shortened season to lost players, incoming senior Ava Lunny, expressed the difficulties that surrounded a Covid year for the varsity girls team. "The season was much shorter this year but we played a similar amount of regular season games. Normally we start in November and end in February but this year we only had 8 weeks together and it was from May to June. This meant having 3 games a week in a hot gym!" Due to the season being so late in the school year, this meant losing star players such as teammate Aspen Garrison (12) to summer practices for her college team. "Losing her as well as the height of our team and having a young squad this year made the



Dance

The BHS dance team had a rough time getting started, they had no idea whether or not there would be a season for them. The team wasn't allowed to meet together due to the teams large number, they had to improvise and have practices over zoom which was very difficult. The team lost many of their members throughout the season because they didn't think they would get to dance again during the season. Those who stuck with the team got to experience meeting outside on the turf field for their first practice in person. "It was a very exciting and special moment for our team" -Captain Ella Bathum.

The team slowly got back into regular practice's after practicing outside in the cold for a couple months. The team didn't know what they were practicing for but it didn't matter, they were just happy to be practicing together and having a good time getting to know each other!



Boys Swim

Boys swimming was faced with one of the biggest changes in season length, with the usual three month long season being shrunk down to a measly four weeks. Despite this change, the Sehome boys swim team continued to have great races and personal records for swimmers both new and returning throughout the whole season. "I was really surprised at how well all the newer swimmers did. I can't wait for next year when they can really show off their strength in the water," said junior Leo Nyman. Unfortunately, there were no district or state meets due Covid restrictions, but the Sehome boys didn't let that stop them from having a great final meet with a win against Oak Harbor and personal best times all across the board.

