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The start of this year's fall sports season for the Chase County Schools Longhorns comes in slightly more than three weeks.

As a result, coaches for the respective sports are planning team meetings, conducting conditioning and preparing for the first official week of practice.

Monday, Aug. 10 marks the first official day for practice for softball while Monday, Aug. 17 is the start date for other varsity sports.

Softball

Girls interested in playing softball this fall should plan to attend a meeting this Friday, Aug. 7 in the school commons area at 1 p.m.

Coach Denise Smith said anyone who is unable to attend should contact her at 882-2186.

The softball season opens Thursday, Aug. 27 with a double header at Southern Valley.

Volleyball

Volleyball coach Jodie Schuller said girls who want to play volleyball this season should plan to attend conditioning sessions Aug. 10-12 from 9-10 a.m. each day.

The volleyball team will hold their first practice on Monday, Aug. 17 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Any players with questions can contact Schuller at 882-3865.

The volleyball team opens the season Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Lexington tournament.

Cross country

Cross country coach Carl Zuege said their first practice will occur at 7 a.m., Monday, Aug. 17 in front of the high school.

Zuege said cross country participants can run in this year's fair fun run, Sat. Aug. 15 without harming their eligibility for the high school season.

Zuege said he's expecting six boys and six girls to compete this year.

The team will run in their first meet on Friday, Sept. 4 at Cambridge.

Football

Football players got a jump on the season during a high school football camp July 20-24.

They followed that up with the beginning of conditioning this week.

Coach Dan Lenners said they will spend two and half hours conditioning each night this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week.

They will get a short break during the fair and report for their first practice Monday, Aug. 17. Their first practice of the day will begin at 3:45. After a 45-minute break in between, they will have their second practice, which will run until 8:30 p.m.

Normal practice schedule will resume from there on.

They will play host to Holyoke in the first game for both teams on Friday, Sept. 4.

Physicals required

Coaches reminded their athletes they must complete a physical and turn the form in before they can begin practice Monday, Aug. 17.