

## Changes in Sports due to Weather/Covid

Sports have opened back up after a year of restrictions from anything that could contract the virus. But now sports are even being put on hold due to weather changes. Just during the start of this school year there have been multiple wildfires causing poor air quality.

Coach TJ says, "Once the air quality hits a certain number, our games are post pone."

With games being post pone or even practices being put on hold, its hard for players and coaches to make the most of the year.

Coach TJ adds, "Without a facility to have practice during these conditions, the players can't practice."

While this has a big impact on the Coach, since they must reschedule and cancel due to the sudden conditions. But players don't seem affected by it.

Football Offense, fullback, tailback, outside linebacker (SPER), Joseph Ramos-Fortes #44 on the Junior Varsity (JV) says, "There hasn't been many changes that I have dealt with, other than wearing a mask." Joseph Ramos- Fortes soon says that "Air Quality doesn't have an affect on me that I know of, but it does smell bad. But breathing it doesn't bother me since of my mask."

Although weather might play a big factor this year. COVID (Corona Virus) is still a big factor we also must include.

Coach TJ says, “When someone gets COVID, we can’t play that game which is another reason why we have to post pone games or even cancel. We are just trying to make sure everyone is safe.”

Elyse Ramos, on the dance team says, “I mean as long as I get to do the sport I love, little changes don’t hurt. We just have to adjust.”

With some struggles due to weather and COVID, there aren’t many changes to the actual sport. The players still enjoy being part of the team and atmosphere. Many even enjoy the carloads to get them hyped for the game. But whatever hits Merrill West’s Wolf Pack, we always find a way to have fun and find the good.