

TEXARKANA, Texas — With Red River Athletic Conference's announcement to move fall sports to spring because of coronavirus concerns, Texas A&M University-Texarkana men's and women's soccer teams will have extra time to prepare for their seasons.

The scheduling of A&M-Texarkana's basketball programs will be made at a later date.

The presidents of RRAC member institutions decided to move fall sports to the spring session of 2021 as the cases of COVID-19 infections continue to rise in the conference's states of Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

The move pushes the typical RRAC fall sports of men's and women's cross-country, men's and women's soccer and volleyball to at least January, according to A&M-Texarkana Eagles' [website](#). Traditional spring sports are on schedule for a normal return in 2021.

A&M-Texarkana plans to flip the semester for its soccer program, with offseason workouts and potential for scrimmages this fall. The team would come back in spring for a preseason and compete for a conference championship, said Michael Galvan, TAMU-T Director of Athletics.

"While this is not ideal, we are making every effort to have the activities which are crucial for the physical and mental well-being of the student-athlete," Galvan said.

Given the changing nature of the COVID-19 crisis, the RRAC presidents also stated that they will continue to evaluate the situation and protocols necessary for the wellbeing of student-athletes, according to the university's website . Conference administrators and athletic trainers will continue to refine their return to play and gameday procedures for the date when conference contests resume.