



WCS Spectator/Event Guidelines

FAQ: Athletics

General Information for All Sports

Will spectators be screened before entering the game?

Yes. All spectators will be asked to answer a set of symptom checklist questions and have their temperatures taken before entering a facility. Face coverings must also be worn. Spectators are asked to remain socially distanced by family unit when approaching the gate.

Are masks required to be worn by spectators throughout the entire game?

Face coverings must be worn throughout the event and on school property except while eating and drinking. Children under two do not have to wear face coverings.

Players who are not on the field should be spaced out and must wear face coverings. Freshman and junior varsity team members who sit in the stands after their games are considered spectators and will be required to follow the same guidelines.

How many people will be allowed to attend?

School leaders will determine the seating capacity for each event. Decisions will be based on a number that will allow for adequate social distancing.

Who will get tickets? How many tickets will be sold?

Tickets will be provided to the schools and will be made available for students and families first. Tickets that are not pre-sold will be offered to the general public. Depending on expected crowd size, schools may limit the number of non-ticketed spectators, so all WCS employees must have a ticket to attend an event. Most schools will use GoFan to sell tickets in an effort to limit transactions at the gate.

How will the district keep fans apart during games?

Bleachers and seats will be marked in order to promote social distancing.

Will schools still be able to have Senior Nights?

Schools are encouraged to schedule Senior Nights and eighth grade recognition nights early in the season when possible.



Will tailgating be allowed?

Tailgating will not be allowed.

Will concession stands still operate?

Concession stands will only serve prepackaged food, or food that customers must unwrap or open. Workers will wear masks and stand behind a plexiglass barrier. Markings will be placed on the ground to ensure social distancing between those who are waiting in line. Schools will also develop plans to limit the number of customers in one area, such as having drink stands throughout the venue or having pre-orders delivered to customers. Concession stands will follow the [state guidelines regarding restaurant operation](#).

What if opposing teams don't follow the same health screening guidelines?

WCS teams will only compete with teams following the same player and coach screening process. The athletic administration or coaching staff will ensure the protocols are being followed when opposing teams arrive on campus.

Will public areas be cleaned?

Yes. The host school is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing restrooms, concession stands and other public areas.

Will the district make changes to these guidelines if the community spread rate of COVID-19 rises?

The district will consult with health authorities to determine any changes that need to be made during times of higher transmission rates.

Football

How many tickets will be sold for football games?

Visiting schools will receive 300 tickets to sell the week of their away games. The host school will sell the remainder of the tickets. Students and families of participating students will have priority when purchasing tickets. Most schools will sell tickets through GoFan to limit transactions at the gate.



Will bands still be able to perform?

Only the home team band will be allowed to perform at halftime. During the game, bands should sit in a location where social distancing is possible. Depending on the space available, bands may play in shifts during the game. For example, half the band may play during the first half of the game, and the other half of the band will play the second half. The distance between the band, cheerleaders or other student groups and the crowd will also be increased. No visiting bands will be allowed.

Will my children be able to play on the track during the game?

Schools are limiting informal gatherings on the track, behind end zones and in other areas to encourage social distancing.

What if we can't attend a football game but still want to watch? Will games be livestreamed?

For fans who are unable to attend football games, high school media teachers or WC-TV, the county's government and education channel, may livestream home events.

Cross-Country, Golf, Tennis, etc.

Will the district still screen spectators at parks and cross-country meets?

Schools are not responsible for checking temperatures or making sure face coverings are worn when events are held in parks, golf courses or areas where others may be in attendance. The school is only responsible when events are held on campus or when responsible for spectators entering the event.

If a team has a preparation area where they meet before and after an event, players are expected to wear face coverings and follow health screening guidelines.