

Spectator Guidance

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Purpose

To share expectations for how schools will receive and manage spectators at athletic events. Schools who plan to engage in athletic activities must observe all NCHSAA and [WCPSS Guidelines](#).

Volleyball

Attendance

- Limited to a total of 25 spectators at a contest
- Spectators attendance is open to immediate family members of the home team members only.
- Limits are per match. Schools should plan for 25 spectators for a JV B contest, 25 separate spectators for JV A contest and 25 separate spectators for Varsity contest.
- All spectators must follow the COVID 19 protocols set forth by WCPSS. This includes, but is not limited to
 - Wearing face coverings at all times,
 - Waiting the appropriate six feet in distance
 - Washing/sanitizing hands when necessary.
 - Failure to abide by these policies will result in removal from the site of competition and may inhibit the spectators privilege to attend future events.

Screening

- Screening will take place 15 minutes prior to the designated start time of the match. Only home parents/ guardians for that particular match will be admitted. (i.e JV parents/ guardians for a JV match)
- Check with the host school to learn where the screening location will be located.

Tickets/ Spectator Passes

- Tickets/spectator passes will be distributed in the following manner:
- Volleyball Teams with 12 members and under will be allotted 2 tickets/ spectators passes per athlete for immediate family members. Extra tickets/ spectator passes will be handled per the discretion of the Athletic Director, Principal, and Coaching Staff.
 - Teams with 13 members or more will be allotted 1 ticket/spectator pass per athlete with the remaining tickets/ spectator passes being handled per the discretion of the Athletic Director, Principal, and Coaching staff.
- Players will submit lists of immediate family members to the Athletic Director so that a will call list can be created for verification purposes. At least 1 or 2 people on the list will be

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admitted into the contest depending on the size of the volleyball team. Spectators will be required to show ID for verification and contact tracing purposes.

Seating

- For seating purposes, immediate family members will be allowed to sit together; yet as a cluster they will still be requested to practice social distancing. Spectators who are not immediate family members will practice social distancing as indicated by the host school.
- Spectators will have assigned seating as designated by the host school.
- At the conclusion of the contest, spectators will need to leave within 5 minutes in order to allow the host school proper time for preparation of the next match. Each school will have designated patterns of flow for entrance and departure of spectators into the WCPSS venue.
- Seating areas must be disinfected between games

*** If you potentially have COVID-19 symptoms or are feeling sick in any way, WCPSS asks that as a precaution, you please stay at home.

Cross Country

Attendance

- Spectators attendance is open to immediate family members of the competing team members only.
- All spectators must follow the COVID 19 protocols set forth by WCPSS. This includes, but is not limited to
 - a. Wearing face coverings at all times,
 - b. Waiting the appropriate six feet in distance
 - c. Washing/sanitizing hands when necessary.
 - d. Failure to abide by these policies will result in removal from the site of competition and may inhibit the spectators privilege to attend future events.

Screening

- For cross country meets happening at the host school, screening locations and times for both athletes and spectators will be determined by the host school and communicated with visiting schools prior to the event.
- For Cross country meets happening away from a WCPSS campus, screenings will happen in the vehicle for athletes and spectators. Once screened into the event, teams will be given designated parking areas for their athletes and spectators. Athletes and spectators are to remain in their vehicles until given further instructions by their coach and the host school.

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Tickets/ Spectator Passes

- For cross country meets each player will get 1 ticket/ spectator pass and the remaining tickets/spectator passes will be handled at the discretion of the host school and participating coaches.. (Rationale is that if you have 2 teams with full rosters of 28; then there will be 56 athletes and you will not be able to evenly distribute 2 tickets/ spectator passes per athlete due to the 100 person spectator limit.)
- Players will submit lists of immediate family members to the Athletic Director so that a will call list can be created for verification purposes. At least 1 or 2 people on the list will be admitted into the contest depending on the size of the XC team. Spectators will be required to show ID for verification and contact tracing purposes.

Viewing /Seating

- When viewing the contest, family members are allowed to cluster together; yet as a cluster they will still be asked to practice social distancing. Spectators who are not immediate family members will practice social distancing as indicated by the host school and WCPSS policy.
- Spectators will have assigned viewing areas as designated by the host school
- At the conclusion of the contest spectators will need to leave within 5 minutes in order to allow the host school proper time for preparation of the next event. Each school will have designated patterns of flow for entrance and departure of spectators into the WCPSS venue.

All [NCHSAA regulations](#) must be followed in addition to any WCPSS regulations which may always be more restrictive.

Please note that guidance continues to be updated related to events. Schools should anticipate the need to make adjustments as they get closer to the event.

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