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Spectator Attendance 2020-21 Fall Athletic Season

Good Afternoon #NLVikingNation,

Please read this message in its entirety:

We are pleased by the recent changes that allow School Districts to have spectators at sporting events. While we look forward to seeing parents, family members, and fans at our events, we are required to follow the Governor's order about masks and social distancing.

Everyone attending the sporting event, including coaches, officials, athletes on the sidelines, staff, and spectators, age 2 and older must wear face coverings (masks or face shields), unless they are outdoors and can consistently maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet. Attendance at any event is subject to appropriate behavior and adherence to our health and safety plans. In order to avoid any issues or confrontations related to this issue, we ask that you please adhere to these guidelines in order to protect the health and safety of all participants. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

The Lebanon-Lancaster League has outlined considerations for spectators that we would like to share with our families (see below). It is important to understand that other school districts may have other rules in place. Please be sure you understand the rules at other school district's events should you choose to be a spectator at an away event when permitted. Each school district should have information at the event or on their website.

LL League Athletic Event Spectator Procedures/Considerations

All sports-related activities must adhere to the gathering limitations set forth by the Governor's Plan for Phased Reopening (25 or fewer people for indoor activity, 250 or fewer people for outdoor activity) and the facility as a whole may not exceed 50 percent of total occupancy otherwise permitted by law. All individuals present at the facility at which such activities are held count towards gathering limitations and must comply with face covering order and social distancing guidelines.

The [Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association](#) (PIAA) governs the rules of competition for all athletic events. PIAA stated the following regarding spectators at events:

PIAA has received many inquiries regarding the ability of spectators to attend school athletic events. This is not a PIAA decision. PIAA is

following the sports guidance put out by the Governor's Office. To view this public document that illustrates the guidance for Pre-K to 12 School Sports, please click here: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid-19/sports-guidance/>

In an effort to develop consistent procedures for athletic venues across school districts in Lancaster County and Lebanon County, that are in compliance with the PIAA rules governing competition and the Governor's most recent guidelines, the following guidelines will be put into place with regard to what parents/spectators may experience during their student-athlete's contest during the 2020 Fall sports season:

- There is a 25-person limit to all indoor events. As such, Girls Volleyball is the only indoor competition to be held this fall. Unfortunately, due to the number of participants, coaches, referees, game officials and lines-persons, the 25-person limit is met WITHOUT the ability for spectators to attend. As such, **neither home nor visiting spectators will be permitted.** (Northern Lebanon Girls Volleyball games will be streamed for spectators)
- Outdoor events are limited to 250 people. With the exception of football, the other fall sports can occur without much interruption. The athletic directors of both teams will ensure that collectively the number of participants, coaches, referees, game officials and spectators does not exceed the 250-person limit. This applies to events held within and outside of the gated fields/stadium. A barrier/line will be designated for soccer (outside the stadium) and cross country, which spectators must remain behind.
- Football, by the very nature of the number of participants (players, coaches, referees, band members, cheerleaders, and game officials) will require limitations on spectators. In order to ensure that the home team families can watch their child participate, **visiting spectators will NOT be permitted.** It will be up to the home team to determine protocol for allowing home spectators to attend the contests (to include parents, staff, photographers, press/media, etc.). Additional spectators may be allowed outside of the stadium but mask and social distancing guidelines will apply) Football games will be live-streamed to the general public.
- Everyone attending the sporting event, including coaches, officials, athletes on the sidelines, staff, and spectators, age 2 and older must wear face coverings (masks or face shields), unless they are outdoors and can consistently maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet. However, attendance at any event is subject to appropriate behavior and adherence to our health and safety plans.
- Concession stands will NOT be open.
- There will be NO charge to enter the event.

PLEASE NOTE: Other school districts may have other rules in place. Please be sure you understand the rules at other school district's events should you choose to be a spectator at an away event when permitted.

These procedures are subject to change as updated guidance from the State becomes available.

With Viking Pride,

John Confer

Athletic Director

