

Good evening,

Earlier this week, a communication was sent out regarding changes to high school sports competitions. As promised, here is more detailed information about these new athletic guidelines.

Please be aware that while many of these rules have been established by the MHSAA and will be followed by all high schools, others may vary by school. If attending away contests, we expect our students and fans to be respectful of any rules and regulations set by the school hosting the event.

### **MASKS/SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Please be aware that we will be following all [MHSAA](#) and OK-Conference guidelines surrounding health and safety. In regard to masks, as of September 10, facial coverings are not required for **cross country, golf and tennis athletes** while in active participation. Athletes participating in **Swimming & diving**, are not required to wear face coverings while preparing to enter the water or while in the water but the covering shall be worn at all other times when on-deck or in the facility. Face coverings are required in **football, soccer and volleyball**. This includes all times during active participation and all times during non-active participation when six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained. **Officials** do NOT need to have a facial covering during play. Masks must be worn throughout the entirety of the contest by spectators and six-foot distancing must be maintained by those not from the same household. Failure to comply will result in the stoppage of play.

### **ADMISSIONS**

Each participating athlete and coach will be allowed to have two guests present at every athletic contest both home and away. The athletic department will issue two spectator passes to students and coaches with their names written on them. These passes will last the entire season and are only valid at the contests of participating students and coaches. The holder of the pass must present it at the gate in order to purchase a ticket (\$5 for home games). Ticket takers will mark when spectator #1 and/or #2 (indicated on the pass) enter the gate to prevent duplicate passes from being made. When paying for tickets, we are asking you to bring exact change so we don't have to handle cash between spectators and our ticket takers. We will also have the availability to take cards. Please note that we will not be selling All-Sports Passes this year.

Seating areas must be cleared at the conclusion of a contest when there are subsequent games that evening, and guests for the following competition will not be allowed to enter until everyone has left. For this reason, we ask you to exit in a timely manner and for later evening game attendees not to arrive drastically early.

## **TAILGATING/VIP LOT**

Our VIP Lot will be closed until further notice and VIP passes will not be accepted. Parking will be restricted to our main lot and tailgating will not be permitted. We ask that you do not congregate prior to game time. If you do not have a pass to enter the game, you should not be on campus.

## **LIVESTREAM**

If you are unable to attend an athletic event due to these restrictions or personal health concerns, please be aware that we will be streaming all home competitions on the [West Catholic Sports](#) or [West Catholic High School](#) Facebook pages.

## **BAND**

For those who have inquired about the band, please note that students are not allowed to play at halftime; however, we are exploring other opportunities to allow our band students to perform.

While some of these new rules are not ideal, they have been put into place to keep our students safe. Competing in high school sports is a privilege, so we ask our student-athletes and fans to take necessary precautions in practices, during games and away from school, to make sure our Falcons are allowed to keep playing. If our school has to shut down due to the spread of COVID-19, our students will not be allowed to compete. This will result in the forfeiture of games.

Reminders:

- Please stay home if you are sick.
- Please consider a COVID-19 test if you have symptoms.
- Please do your best to maintain physical space at all times.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation and as always, Go Falcons!

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