

## **Springfield School District Spectator Protocols for Athletic Events**

As we move closer to the official start of the fall athletic season, we have created plans to meet the most recent orders, mandates, and guidelines on gathering limitations. In order to hold these events in a safe and orderly manner, we are going to need the cooperation of parents, families, and the general public. Without this cooperation, we risk the possible cancellation of events, and/or sanctioning of teams or the school district and its personnel; and/or exclusion of spectators. We thank you in advance for your willingness to work together with us to provide safe venues for our student-athletes to participate in their seasons.

The Central Athletic League agreed that each school district will make its own decision regarding allowing spectators. Springfield School District and the Central Athletic League remain committed to the health, safety, and welfare of all our student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. We ask that you honor and respect the decisions of the league and the individual schools. Remember our goal remains to allow our kids to have an opportunity to play games.

Governor Wolf's Guidelines for Capacity at Sporting Events:

- For venues that don't have a formal/official occupancy limit, the number of people will be 67 people per 1,000 square feet x 20%. ● Occupancy of 0 - 2,000 people ○ Indoor cap will be 20%
- Outdoor cap will be 25% ● Occupancy of 2,001 – 10,000 ○ Indoor cap will be 15% ○ Outdoor cap will be 20% Springfield High School Facility Limitations:
- Capacity includes: Participants, Coaches, Officials, Game Workers, and Spectators

Cougar Stadium: Capacity 1,600 (cap per guidelines 400)

The Gold Gym: Bleachers 400 (cap per guidelines 80)

The following are the parameters for events held at Springfield School District facilities for indoor and outdoor events:

- All practices are closed to the public and no spectators are allowed.
- Indoor events: All home players will be given 2 tickets for spectators. All visiting senior players will be given 2 tickets for the event.
- Football games - All participants (players, band and cheerleaders) will be given two tickets for games to be given to guests.
- The full band will perform at 5:45pm in which their guests will be invited. Band guests will exit the stadium at the conclusion of the band performance.
- Spectators for football games will be admitted beginning at 6:30. All away senior football players and cheerleaders will be given 2 tickets for guests. Athletic Directors will coordinate to ensure each senior is given their 2 tickets for entry.

- Soccer, Tennis, and Field Hockey - All players will receive 2 guest passes for all home games. Visiting senior field hockey/soccer/tennis players will receive 2 guest passes. Athletic Directors will coordinate to ensure each senior is given their 2 tickets for entry.
- Volleyball - All athletes, coaches, officials and spectators MUST wear masks at all times. Each Springfield player will be given 2 guest passes for each home game. Each visiting Volleyball senior player will be given 2 guest passes. Once the JV match has concluded, parents must exit the gym.

### **Requirements for All Athletic Events:**

Everyone attending the sporting event, including coaches, officials, athlete, staff, and spectators (age 2 and older) must wear face coverings (masks or face shields w/ a mask underneath) upon entering and exiting athletic venues and during the events. All spectators must maintain social distance unless they live in the same household. However, attendance at any event is subject to appropriate behavior and adherence to our health and safety plans. Anyone who refuses to adhere to our guidelines will be asked to leave. Our priority remains to allow our athletes to play games. We need cooperation for everyone in this matter to allow us to achieve this goal.

### **Facility Details for spectators:**

Stadium (Football, Soccer Field Hockey): All spectators will enter through the new parking lot (along Rolling Road), or the Student Lot back by tennis courts.

Gym (Volleyball): All spectators will park in the student lot by the tennis courts, and enter through the courtyard. There will be one way in and one way out.

Halderman Field (JV Soccer): All spectators must be socially distant and be ten feet from the sideline opposite the team bench. Bleachers will not be available and spectators should bring their own chairs.

High School Tennis Courts: All spectators must be socially distant and be ten feet from the fence line of the tennis courts and the bleachers. Bleachers are reserved for coaches and participants.

Concession stands will NOT be open and food/drink is not allowed at any event.

All evening stadium and gym events will cost \$5 with no charge for events at other venues.

These procedures are subject to change as updated guidance from Local and State Departments becomes available.