

Spectator Guidelines for Spring Sports & Facility Usage for Non-Instructional Purposes

The West Shore School District, based upon guidance received from the Governor's Office and Pennsylvania Department of Health, has established the following procedures for athletes, coaches, game personnel and spectators during the 2021 spring sport season.

Guidance from the Governor's Office and PA Department of Health

Pre-K to 12 School Sports

All event attendees, including athletes, coaching staff, and officials, must wear face coverings, in accordance with the Secretary of Health's Universal Face Covering Order, and are expected to maintain social distancing when arriving, attending, and departing the facility.

Excerpt from the [Guidance for All Sports Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency to Ensure the Safety and Health of Employees, Athletes and the Public.](#)

Section 2: Face Coverings Required

Except as provided in Section 3 of the Universal Face Covering Order, every individual, age two and older, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall wear a face covering when:

Indoors or in an enclosed space, where another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household are present in the same space, irrespective of physical distance.

Excerpt from the [Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings.](#)

Strengthened Gathering Limitations

Until further notice, the District will be following the Governor's *Strengthened Gathering Limitations* as announced on November 24, 2020, and subsequently amended. All groups, including youth recreation and other outside groups using school district facilities, must follow all current restrictions and adhere to capacity counts for District facilities.

In accordance with these limitations, capacities for all after-hours facility use can be located on the District webpage or clicking this link- [WSSD COVID-19 Seating Capacity Chart.](#)

Spring 2021 Indoor District Athletic Events

All event attendees, including athletes, coaching staff, and officials, must wear face coverings, in accordance with the Secretary of Health's Universal Face Covering Order, and are expected to maintain social distancing when arriving, attending, and departing the facility.

High School Volleyball (Cedar Cliff & Red Land Gymnasium)

- All athletes, coaches, game workers and officials are required to wear a face mask at all times while on WSSD property.
- Four (4) spectators permitted per home athlete and two (2) spectators per away athlete
- Spectators must vacate between JV and Varsity games
- Spectators are asked to socially distance and are required to wear a mask at all times

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Junior High Volleyball (Crossroads & New Cumberland Gymnasium)

- All athletes, coaches, game workers and officials are required to wear a face mask at all times while on WSSD property.
- Two (2) spectators permitted per home athlete with no visiting spectators
- Spectators must vacate between JV and Varsity games
- Spectators are asked to socially distance and are required to wear a mask at all times

Spring 2021 Outdoor District Athletic Events

All event attendees, including athletes, coaching staff, and officials, must wear face coverings, in accordance with the Secretary of Health's Universal Face Covering Order, and are expected to maintain social distancing when arriving, attending, and departing the facility.

Baseball and Softball

- All athletes*, coaches, game workers and officials are required to wear a face mask at all times while on WSSD property.
- Spectators are limited to immediate family members to meet crowd limitations
- Spectators, who choose to remove their mask, must maintain sustained physical distancing from others who are not members of their respective household

*Athletes may choose to remove face coverings while actively engaged in competition with the understanding masks must be worn at all other times when coming onto or off the playing field, when on the sideline or in the dugout, and when in group settings or any other gathering of players.

Lacrosse and Soccer

- All athletes*, coaches, game workers and officials are required to wear a face mask at all times while on WSSD property.
- Spectators are limited to immediate family members to meet crowd limitations
- Spectators, who choose to remove their mask, must maintain sustained physical distancing from others who are not members of their respective household

*Athletes may choose to remove face coverings while actively engaged in competition with the understanding masks must be worn at all other times when coming onto or off the lacrosse or soccer field, when on the sideline, and when in group settings or any other gathering of players. A face covering is not required when wearing a lacrosse helmet.

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Spring 2021 Outdoor District Athletic Events Continued

Tennis

- All athletes*, coaches, game workers and officials are required to wear a face mask at all times while on WSSD property.
- Spectators are limited to immediate family members to meet crowd limitations
- Spectators, who choose to remove their mask, must maintain sustained physical distancing from others who are not members of their respective household

*Athletes may choose to remove face coverings while actively engaged in a tennis match due to their ability to maintain physical distancing. Masks must be worn at all other times when coming onto or off the playing surface and when in any team setting or any other gathering of tennis players.

Track and Field

- All athletes*, coaches, game workers and officials are required to wear a face mask at all times while on WSSD property.
- Spectators are limited to immediate family members to meet crowd limitations
- Spectators, who choose to remove their mask, must maintain sustained physical distancing from others who are not members of their respective household
- Athletes and Spectators are not permitted to gather around the start/finish line.

*Athletes may choose to remove face coverings while actively engaged in competition with the understanding masks must be worn at all other times. Athletes in track events must wear a face mask until they get into position for their event at which time they can lower their face mask. When finished running, athletes should distance themselves while recovering and return the face coverings in a reasonable amount of time and prior to coming in contact with others.

Athletes in field events must wear a face mask until they enter the area for competition, at which time they can lower their face mask. Face masks should be put back on prior to exiting the area of competition. For instance, in shot put, the athlete may lower their face mask as they enter the circle to complete their throw. Once complete, athletes must return to wearing the face mask prior to leaving the throwing circle.