



Palmerton Athletics

Spectator Policy Q & A

<p>Who can attend sporting events?</p>	<p>At this time we are only inviting parents and siblings of each player (Home and Away) in an attempt to stay within the 250 person restriction. Volleyball will not have spectators at this time. For Football games, tickets will be assigned by the athletics department and distributed to senior parents only. Click here for a link to the Colonial League memo on spectators.</p>
<p>Are students who do not have siblings allowed to attend sporting events?</p>	<p>Under the current restrictions, we are not allowing students who do not have siblings into our sporting events. This decision aligns with the Colonial League's rules on spectators and is easier to regulate.</p>
<p>What are the limitations of gatherings? Who counts towards the gathering?</p>	<p>Indoor events (Volleyball) is limited to no more than 25 individuals. Outdoor events (Field Hockey, Soccer, Football) are limited to 250 individuals. All athletes, coaches (Home and Away), referees, trainers, game day staff, band, cheerleaders, ambulance, media, etc. are included towards the gathering/sporting event.</p>
<p>Are face coverings required for sporting events?</p>	<p>Yes. In order to gain entry into our stadium, a face covering is required. A face covering is also required to move around the stadium</p>

	(i.e. walking to the restrooms).
When should I arrive for my son or daughter's game?	We are asking everyone to only show up for your son or daughter's game. For example, if there is a JV Soccer game at 530pm and a Varsity Soccer Game at 7pm and your son only plays Varsity, you should only attend the 7pm Varsity game (arrive 15 minutes before the start time). This will allow all parents (Home, Away, JV, Varsity) to see their child play.
Does it matter where I sit?	Yes. Our home side bleachers will be clearly marked with social distancing stickers. Each family will be asked to sit in the area of the stickers. These stickers represent proper 6ft distancing from other spectators.
Will there be a senior night? Who will be invited?	Yes. We are currently working with parent groups to secure senior nights to honor our athletes. As dates are confirmed, they will be shared with coaches, players, parents, etc. Under the current restrictions we will only be providing 2 tickets per senior for the pregame ceremony. If limitations on gatherings are increased, we will plan accordingly.
What happens if we have a problem with someone trying to gain entry in our stadium?	If we have a problem with a spectator attempting to gain entry when he or she should not be there, the game will not start (or pause) for 5 minutes. If the issue is not resolved within the 5 minutes, the game will be cancelled and the opposing team will be sent home. Please note our athletes and coaches have worked very hard to get to this point. A situation like this would be unfair to all parties involved.
Will security be present?	Yes. Security will be present to aid and assist in making sure all spectator expectations are being followed. Anyone who causes a problem will be asked to leave the stadium.
What can I do if I am not allowed to attend the game?	We are offering a live stream of all games on our YouTube Channel for free. All you need to do is subscribe by clicking the link above.
Is anyone else in our league Live Streaming	Yes. All schools in our league are planning to

<p>Events?</p>	<p>offer some sort of streaming option for fans. A list is being developed of all streaming options our member schools plan to have and will be posted on our district website upon completion.</p>
<p>What is PA HB 2787? What is the status of this bill?</p>	<p>This is a bill that has passed the PA House and Senate which would allow local school districts to set their own restrictions on gathering for sporting events. This bill was passed by the Senate on 9/9/20 and Gov. Wolf has 10 days to either pass or veto the bill.</p>
<p>What happens if Gov. Wolf vetoes PA HB 2787?</p>	<p>The House and Senate will be required to have a $\frac{2}{3}$'s majority vote to overturn the veto. The initial vote count to pass the bill was as follows. House: 155-47 / Senate: 39-11</p>
<p>If PA HB 2787 becomes law, what will be our maximum capacity for indoor and outdoor events?</p>	<p>We are currently working to calculate an exact number based on recommended social distancing. Family members will be expected to sit together to maximize the amount of spectators that will be allowed in.</p>
<p>Who will have the first opportunity at tickets if our maximum capacity gets increased?</p>	<p>Parents, siblings, and family members of the participating athletes will be offered tickets first. We will also provide tickets to our student body before we offer tickets to community members, fans, etc.</p>