

Spectator Attendance at Athletic Events

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 a federal judge denied a request by Gov. Tom Wolf's administration to stay an order striking down key COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the governor on public gatherings pending an appeal before the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Specifically, the 25 indoor gathering and 250 outdoor gathering limits. After consultation with the school district's legal counsel, the guidelines below are being provided as a breakdown for each event and the anticipated spectator attendance procedures. It is important to note that the judge's denial of the request does not remove social distancing and mask wearing expectations at public events and that each school district may proceed differently based on their capacities.

1. **Girls Soccer (All Levels):** Each player will receive at least 4 tickets prior to each home game. The player can distribute the tickets to any family/friends as they would like. All games will be broadcast in a web-based format and only ticket holders are permitted at the field or on the leased property. Away team players will each receive 4 tickets.
2. **Football (Jr. High/Junior Varsity):** Each player will receive at least 4 tickets prior to each home game. The player can distribute the tickets to any family/friends as they would like. All games will be broadcast in a web-based format and only ticket holders are permitted in the stadium or on school property. Away team players will each receive 4 tickets.
3. **Football (Varsity):** Each football, band and cheerleading student will receive 2 tickets prior to each home game. The player can distribute the tickets to any family/friends as they would like. All games will be broadcast in a web-based format and only ticket holders are permitted in the stadium or on school property. Away team players will receive 2 tickets.
4. **Girls Volleyball (All Levels):** Each player will receive at least 4 tickets to each home game. The player can distribute the tickets to any family/friends as they would like. All games will be broadcast in a web-based format. There will be no tickets for Away team players.
5. **Cross Country:** Each player will receive at least 4 tickets to each home match. The player can distribute the tickets to any family/friends as they would like. All games will be broadcast in a web-based format and only ticket holders are permitted in at the course or on school property. Away team players will receive 4 tickets.

General Guidelines for All Athletic Events at West Branch Area School District

- Masks must be worn at all times at district events.
- Seating areas will allow for members of the same household to sit together while maintaining social distancing from others in attendance.
- Spectators must self-screen and agree not to attend an event if experiencing a fever above 100 degrees and any of the following COVID-19 signs and symptoms: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.
- Spectators at no time are permitted to enter the field of play or bench areas.
- Spectators are to be seated or standing in the assigned area unless entering, exiting, or using the restroom. No spectators are to be along the interior fences or standing in the end zones at the football stadium.
- Band and cheerleaders will not be traveling to any away athletic events.
- The above guidelines are for West Branch Area School District only. They are based on our seating capacities and our ability to social distance. Each school district will likely have a unique set of guidelines and travel to away games may not be the same as our district.
- The District reserves the right to adjust and/or eliminate spectators based on new and emerging guidance from the Federal Court System, PDE, PIAA, DOH, or other governing body.