

Methacton School District

Spectators at Athletic Events

Presented 9/22/2020

Other Matters

- Spectators
 - First Home Athletic Event September 25th
 - Exception of golf
 - Governor limits on spectators/gathering of 25/250 determined unconstitutional
 - Limits are now considered guidelines while waiting for appeal
 - 9/22/2020 - Federal judge denied Governor Wolf's request for a stay
 - Options
 - Board can continue with these restrictions
 - Board can take action in the interim on fundamental basis for restrictions (distancing and masks)

Spectator Management Options

- **Closed Campus:**

- Allows for greater spectator control
 - Security guards are stationed at each entrance to the high school's campus
 - Security guards would receive a handout that includes information on all practices and events for that day
 - After 3:00, only people arriving for a valid drop-off or pickup, those attending an approved event within the building, and adults with a ticket to the home game would be allowed on campus
 - Limits visiting team spectators
 - Limits number of people on campus that would otherwise become our responsibility to monitor and address

Open Campus: (recommend starting here, but may need to adjust based on experience)

- Security guards are stationed at the gates and/or spectator viewing areas to auxiliary field, stadium, and main gym doors. Only spectators with a ticket would get into these venues
- Security guards would patrol the grounds on foot to help enforce masking and social distancing
- Concern that we could be challenged with control of gatherings on campus

Spectator Data – Example Football (Stadium) and Volleyball (HS Main Gymnasium)

- Football in Stadium
 - Pioneer Athletic Conference
 - **Essential personnel total not more than 250**
 - Away Team – Up to 100 (Football and Cheer Coaches, Football Players, Cheerleaders, Managers)
 - Home Team – Up to 100 (Football and Cheer Coaches, Football Players, Cheerleaders, Managers)
 - Game Workers, Administration, Sports Medicine Staff, Security, Media, Officials- Up to 50
 - **Actual Athletic Numbers (118)**
 - Football – 52 Athletes
 - Marching Band – 43 Participants
 - Cheerleading- 23 Athletes
 - **Home Spectators ONLY (236)**
 - 2 adult tickets per football player, cheerleader, and marching band member
 - Normal Spectator capacity is (Home side 848 and Visitor side 350)
 - Spectators will only be allowed to sit at designated spots in bleachers (properly distance for two adults)
 - Potential that band and band parents will exit following pre-game and opening ceremonies (129)

Spectator Data - Example Football (Stadium) and Volleyball (HS Main Gymnasium)

- Volleyball in HS Main Gymnasium
 - Pioneer Athletic Conference
 - Essential personnel as needed to allow for players, coaches, administration, Sports Medicine Staff, Security, Officials
 - Actual athletic number needed (30)
 - Volleyball – 11 JV Players and 11 Varsity Players (22 Athletes) + 8 adults
 - Home Spectators (22)
 - 2 adult tickets per player varsity only at 4PM, then JV parents at 5:30 (22 spectators max)
 - Normal Spectator capacity is 988
 - Spectators will only be allowed to sit at designated spots in bleachers (properly distance for two adults)

Action Required

- Revise Health and Safety Plan for Athletics and Marching Band (July 28, 2020)
 - Need motion and vote tonight:
 - Approve the revision to the Methacton School District Health and Safety Plan for Athletics and Marching band to include the plan for spectator limits as outlined in the presentation and where such spectator limits are permitted under law.