

## Press Release: SOL 2020 Fall Sports Spectator Agreement

*The Suburban One League agreed that each school district will make its own decision regarding allowing home spectators to home games. Visiting spectators will not be permitted to attend games. The Suburban One League remains committed to the health, safety, and welfare of all our student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. The League recognizes that the challenges presented by the Covid-19 Pandemic affect each of our member schools differently. The League will continue to proceed with the understanding that this is a fluid situation and subject to change.*

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, or risk the possible cancellation of events, and/or sanctioning of teams or the school district and its personnel. We thank you in advance for your willingness to work together with us to provide safe venues for our students.

Following are the proposed guidelines that must still be WSD School Board approved for allowing "Home" spectators for events held at Wissahickon School District facilities:

In an effort to develop consistent procedures for athletic venues across school districts in Bucks and Montgomery Counties that are in compliance with the PIAA rules that govern competition and the Governor's most recent guidelines, the following guidelines will be put into place with regard to what parents/spectators may experience during their student-athletes contest during the 2020 fall sports season:

- There is a 25-person limit to all indoor events. Girls Volleyball and Boys' and Girls' Water Polo are our only indoor competitions to be held this Fall. Unfortunately, due to the number of participants, coaches, referees, game officials, and lines persons, the 25-person limit is met **WITHOUT** the ability for spectators to attend. As such, **neither home nor visiting spectators will be permitted**. Lobby areas will be utilized to accommodate sub-varsity teams and substitutes in some cases to ensure the 25-person limit is not exceeded.
- Outdoor events are limited to 250 people. With the exception of football, the other Fall sports can occur without much interruption. The athletic directors of both teams will ensure that collectively the number of participants, coaches, referees, game officials, and "home" spectators does not exceed the 250-person limit. **Visiting spectators will NOT be permitted**.  
\*WHS student-athletes will be permitted to have two (2) "home" spectators for each home contest. The names of the "home" spectators should be presented to his/her coach and the WHS Athletic Office the day prior to each home contest. This applies to events held within and outside of the gated fields/stadium.\*
- Football, by the very nature of the number of participants (players, coaches, referees, band members, cheerleaders, and game officials), will require limitations on "home" spectators. In order to ensure that "home" spectators can watch his/her WHS student participate, **visiting spectators will NOT be permitted**. It will be up to the home team to determine protocol for allowing "home" spectators to attend the contests (to include parents, staff, photographers, press/media, etc.).  
\*If permissible, WHS student participants will be permitted to have two (2) "home" spectators for each home contest. The names of the "home" spectators should be presented to his/her coach and the WHS Athletic Office the day prior to each home contest. To ensure the 250 outside gathering limit is not exceeded, Senior student participants will receive "home" spectator tickets first, then Junior student participants, etc.

- Everyone attending the sporting event, including coaches, officials, athletes on the sidelines, staff, and “Home” spectators (age 2 and older) must wear face coverings (masks or face shields) upon entering and exiting athletic venues and during the events unless they are outdoors and can consistently maintain a social distance of at least six (6) feet. 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.
- Bucks and Montgomery County athletic directors are working to ensure that varsity football, girls’ volleyball, and boys’ and girls’ water polo events will be live-streamed to the general public if possible.
- No entrance admission fees will be charged.
- Concession stands will NOT be open.
- Further guidance on logistics will be provided by the WHS Athletics and Activities office as information becomes available after the WSD School Board vote.

***These procedures are subject to change as updated guidance from the State becomes available.***

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we work collectively to keep our students, staff and community safe. GO TROJANS!!!