



Hello Viking Nation!

I wanted to take a moment to share with our players, coaches, and families what to expect as we begin the winter sports season. We managed to play a full fall sports season by taking the safety precautions recommended by the Ohio Department of Health and conducting games under the guidance of the OHSAA. However, much of the decision making is up to the leagues and individual schools. All of which are making every attempt to conduct games as safely as possible for our players, coaches, game personnel, contest officials and spectators.

Here is what you can expect as you attend games this winter.

- You are required to wear a face covering, sit socially distanced from other families and sanitize your hands frequently.
- Players not actively participating in the game are required to wear masks while seated on the bench.
- Some schools will allow locker room use and some schools will not. Be courteous guests at all times. Prepare for every game as if you will not be able to use a locker room and dress before you leave.
- Prepare to conduct halftime from your bench area at some schools. A locker room may not be available.
- Each family will be permitted two spectators per player at all home and away contests. As with anything else, this could change at any time by order of the government. For most contests on our schedules a voucher system will be used.
- Some schools in the MVAC will require advanced purchase of tickets using an electronic ticketing system. They will adhere to the two tickets per athlete policy. Details will be given to players as we move closer to the game date with schools using this system.
- Ticketing for games with non-MVAC schools will be handled in a manner decided by the host school and will be shared with the players' families as we receive it. Still very likely to permit two spectators to support each player.
- No pep bands are permitted to play this season.
- Cheerleaders are permitted at home games only.
- Cheerleading families will be permitted two spectators per cheerleader. We will use a voucher system just like we have for the teams.

I understand the uncertainty and inconvenience all of this has caused for all of you. But please remember that at the very least WE GET TO PLAY! ...and Cheer!

If you have any questions please call or email the Athletic Department at 330-947-2124 or mdevies@waterloovikings.org

Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving!