

## **SMSD MITIGATION / SPECTATOR GUIDELINES WINTER**

**Spectators who have high risk conditions or who are around family members or other close contacts with high risk conditions should consider not attending sporting events.**

*These high-risk conditions would include but not limited to:*

- ❖ *Chronic lung disease (including moderate or severe asthma)*
- ❖ *Serious heart conditions*
- ❖ *Severe obesity*
- ❖ *Diabetes*
- ❖ *Chronic kidney or liver disease*
- ❖ *Any immunocompromised medical conditions, including cancer*

*Those parents/guardians and family members should discuss this with their physicians to determine the risk of attending activities and athletic events.*

### **INTRODUCTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

In order to mitigate risk factors associated with COVID-19 and protect the health of our students, staff and community, the following spectator safety protocols will be in place during the winter sports season. To attend an event, students, staff and fans will follow these guidelines:

- ❖ SMSD will follow the safety guidelines set forth in the [KSHSAA COVID-19 Resources](#)
- ❖ All those in attendance must be free of any COVID-19 Symptoms
- ❖ Face masks are required for entry to the facility and all spectators must wear a mask upon entry to an indoor event, and must wear the mask for the duration of the activity. No mask, no admittance
- ❖ Face masks are required to be worn for entry and where 6' of social distancing cannot be maintained (examples: waiting in line to enter/exit the venue, concession stand lines [*pre-packaged items ONLY: this is a school option*] and restrooms)
- ❖ Social Distancing of 6' is required. Families must sit in close proximity to each other
- ❖ Arrive with hands sanitized
- ❖ Spectators will not be allowed near participant groups, or on pool deck /courts or wrestling mats, or in competition playing areas. Only essential personnel will be allowed near participants
- ❖ At the end of each contest you must exit the facility immediately
- ❖ Number of spectators is limited - based on school venue capacity
- ❖ Bring only essential items to the event. (i.e. no food or drink)
- ❖ Coaches will contact any student who misses a practice to determine why they missed
- ❖ Understand that guidelines are subject to change based upon local/state recommendation

- ❖ **SMSD will continue to monitor all protocols and guidelines throughout the winter season and depending on the circumstances our guidelines and protocols could become more or less restrictive.**

**TICKETS/ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS - Starting January 29, 2021. (Revised January 21, 2021)**

- ❖ **Basketball - Per the new KSHSAA attendance guidelines, which allows up to four spectators per participant(s) for SMSD families - siblings are eligible as part of the four entries for admittance during this period of time but must sit with the family cohort.** Participants include basketball players, cheerleaders, dance, managers and coaches. **Visiting teams are allowed up to two spectators per participant(s) for visiting family - siblings are eligible as part of the two entries for admittance during this period of time but must sit with the family cohort.** Participants include basketball players, coaches and managers.

\*Some auxiliary gyms will be closed to spectators during this period of time, and sub-varsity competitions will rotate through the main gym space.

- ❖ **Wrestling - Per the new KSHSAA attendance guidelines, the SMSD will allow up to four spectators per participant(s) for SMSD families for Dual team competition - siblings are eligible as part of the four entries for admittance during this period of time but must sit with the family cohort.** Participants include wrestlers, cheerleaders, dance, managers and coaches. **Visiting teams are allowed up to two spectators per participant(s) for visiting family - siblings are eligible as part of the two entries for admittance during this period of time but must sit with the family cohort.**

**Wrestling meets that are Tri's and Quads have the following spectator guidelines**

**Tri - two spectators per participant - siblings are eligible as part of the two entries for admittance during this period of time but must sit with the family cohort.**

**Quad - two spectators per participant - siblings are eligible as part of the two entries for admittance during this period of time but must sit with the family cohort.**

\*Some auxiliary gyms will be closed to spectators during this period of time, and sub-varsity competitions will rotate through the main gym space.

- ❖ **Swimming Competitions - Competitions at SMSD facilities will be limited to a finite number of athletes based on the following - 25 swimmers plus 5 divers per squad for a total of 60 for a Dual, 90 for a Tri, and 120 for a Quad. Should a multi-team competition (such as a league meet) have athletes under the 120-athlete limit as listed above, the competition could be approved as long as COVID-19 mitigation practices will not be compromised.**

- ❖ **Swimming - Per the new KSHSAA attendance guidelines, which allows up to two parents/guardians per participant(s) family - siblings are not eligible for admittance during this period of time.**

Dual - two entries per SMSD teams only

Tri - (two SMSD team plus outside school) - two entries per SMSD teams only

Quad - two entries for host/SMSD teams only

Roster sizes are limited to twenty-five swimmers and five divers

- ❖ There is no cost for entries.
- ❖ Special passes (Staff ID's, Senior Citizen, SFL & Activity) will not be accepted until restrictions are lifted.
- ❖ If parents/patrons arrive early, please stay in your vehicle in the parking lot; parents/patrons may enter the venue 15 minutes prior to game start time.
- ❖ SMSD reserves the right to revoke an entry from anyone not willing to follow these guidelines. Staff members have the authority to enforce mitigation protocols.

- ❖ No Pep Bands will be allowed at events without approval of the building administration due to capacity issues of our venues.
- ❖ Only eight cheerleaders (all levels) will be allowed at Home events only. Visiting teams, including other SMSD teams, will not be allowed to bring cheerleaders due to capacity issues of our venues.
- ❖ Dancers will be allowed two boys and two girls game nights to be determined by school administration.
- ❖ Each school will have a Spirit Night exclusively for cheerleaders and dance performances during the winter season.
- ❖ No student spectators allowed.
- ❖ Concessions will be sold as determined by the host school based on safety and facility considerations.
- ❖ **SMSD will continue to monitor all protocols and guidelines throughout the winter season and depending on the circumstances our guidelines and protocols could become more or less restrictive.**

## **PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS**

**Media Credentials-** Must be requested through and approved by the SMSD communications director, David A. Smith.

**Visiting Student Photographer/Journalism** - The SMSD allows one student photographer from out-of-district schools in designated areas only, but that student must have an entry from the visitor ticket allotment, and the photographer must be supervised by a sponsor or administrator.

**Family of Student Athletes** - Will not be allowed on the field/court to take pictures. All pictures must be taken from the bleachers.

## **TAILGATING**

Tailgating will not be permitted at any venue until all COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

## **NO GROUP GATHERINGS IN PARKING LOTS**

A group is defined by three or more people.

## **SMSD JOURNALISM/STREAMING/NEWSPAPER GUIDELINES FOR HOME EVENTS:**

The following **Journalism/Streaming/Newspaper** students must participate in **only** designated areas as established by the SMSD district.

The Sponsor must be present to supervise at home games in order to have the additional photographers, videographers, and live stream production crews working the event. If the Sponsor cannot attend the allocation is one photographer, one videographer and streaming will not be allowed. This is to ensure social distancing as well as shooting pictures in the agreed upon area.

## **BASKETBALL:**

1 photographer for newspaper and 1 for Yearbook and 1 videographer. Entries will be provided by the Athletic Director.

4 students for live streaming broadcast - Two will be camera operators that are located outside in the photo bays. Two inside the booth for production of the streaming event. Entries will be provided by the Athletic Director.

These guidelines are for our Home games only; the exception being two SMSD schools playing each other. Both SMSD teams will be given the same allocation of photographers, videographers. Away games will follow the visiting teams' guidelines.

Designated areas are:

- a. Photographers must practice COVID mitigation of masks and social distancing, Designated area will be any of the corners of the gymnasium. Photographers must be at least 15' from the baseline and sidelines of the court.

## **WRESTLING:**

The following **Journalism/Streaming/Newspaper** students must participate in **only** designated areas as established by the SMSD district.

Designated areas are:

- a. Bleachers
- b. Corners of the court

1 photographer for newspaper and 1 for Yearbook and 1 videographer. Tickets will be provided by the Athletic Director.

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Streaming will be provided by the Pixellot Camera System

## **SWIMMING:**

The following **Journalism/Streaming/Newspaper** students must participate in **only** designated areas as established by the SMSD district.

Designated areas are:

- a. Photographers must stay in the bleachers or viewing areas.

1 photographer for newspaper and 1 for Yearbook and 1 videographer. Tickets will be provided by the Athletic Director.

Streaming will be provided by the Pixellot Camera System.

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## **ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL**

Game Management:

- ❖ Ticket taker
- ❖ Manager
- ❖ Scoreboard operator
- ❖ Announcer
- ❖ Statistician
- ❖ Timekeeper
- ❖ Digital scoreboard
- ❖ Police / Security

## **INDOOR EVENTS**

- ❖ Masks are required to be worn by everyone including game management
- ❖ Physical distancing is required
- ❖ Seating - fans should maintain at minimum 6' distance
- ❖ Fans issued admittance will be sent attendance restrictions for away events and must adhere to the host schools' guidelines

## **ALL EVENTS**

- ❖ Essential personnel only on the mat, court or pool deck
- ❖ No pre-game or post-game gatherings on site
- ❖ Alternate post game sportsmanship will be exhibited

## **PROGRAMS**

- ❖ Digital (QR code) - Post several copies, spaced a minimum of 6' apart, near venue entry
- ❖ Twitter - Send out information in a Tweet

**DANCE** - Perform on the court during half-time - when attending games