

# HEMPFIELD AREA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** *Sporting Event Spectator Guidance - Winter*

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The Hempfield Area School District has released its spectator guidance for the winter athletic season based on current gathering limitations. Our objective remains to provide a safe environment for our student-athletes to compete and provide an opportunity for as many parents to witness those competitions in person as possible. Our efforts with regards to spectators continue to focus on permitting parents/guardians the opportunity to view their children's events while reducing the risk of exposure for those in attendance. The following parameters outline how we intend to maximize those opportunities to the extent we are permitted. Should the current guidelines be adjusted, the Hempfield Area School District will revise the information below if necessary. Additionally, all events are available through streaming by visiting the athletic website at [www.hempfieldareaathletics.com](http://www.hempfieldareaathletics.com). Until that time the following remains in affect:

**General:** For those parents/guardians permitted to attend an event, please be aware that all spectators will be required to follow all CDC guidelines, including following the mask order and adhering to social distancing guidelines at all times.

**Boys and Girls Basketball (Varsity/JV):** Home contests will be limited to two (2) family members per participating Hempfield Area student. This includes JV/Varsity Cheerleading members. Passes will be distributed prior to the contests. Anyone without a pass will not be admitted into the field house. Visiting schools will not be permitted any spectators - only members of the teams approved traveling party will be admitted. At this point in time, Hempfield Area spectators will not be permitted at away contests, however, information on live streaming options of away games will be communicated when available.

**Boys Basketball (9th Grade):** Home contests will be limited to two (2) family members per participating Hempfield Area student. Passes will be distributed prior to the contests. Anyone without a pass will not be admitted into the gymnasium. Visiting schools will not be permitted any spectators - only members of the teams approved traveling party will be admitted. At this point in time, Hempfield Area spectators will not be permitted at away contests, however, information on live streaming options of away games will be communicated when available.

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**Boys Basketball (7th & 8th Grade):** Home contests held at Wendover Middle School will not be able to accommodate any spectators (home or away) due to gathering limitations.

However, efforts are being made to host some home contests at Hempfield Area High School. For those contests, spectators will be limited to two (2) family members per participating Hempfield Area student. This includes 7th & 8th Grade Cheerleading members. Passes will be distributed prior to the contests. Anyone without a pass will not be admitted into the gymnasium. Visiting schools will not be permitted any spectators - only members of the teams approved traveling party will be admitted. At this point in time, Hempfield Area spectators will not be permitted at away contests, however, information on live streaming options of away games will be communicated when available.

**Wrestling (Varsity/JH):** Home contests will be limited to two (2) family members per participating Hempfield Area student. This includes Cheerleading members. Passes will be distributed prior to the contests. Anyone without a pass will not be admitted into the field house. Visiting schools will not be permitted any spectators - only members of the teams approved traveling party will be admitted. At this point in time, Hempfield Area spectators will not be permitted at away contests, however, information on live streaming options of away contests will be communicated when available.

**Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving:** Home contests held at Hempfield Area High School will not be able to accommodate any spectators (home or away) due to gathering limitations. At this point in time, Hempfield Area spectators will not be permitted at away contests, however, information on live streaming options of home and away events will be communicated when available.

**Rifle & Bowling:** Spectators accommodations will be dependent on host facility limitations and guidelines. Information will be provided through the coaching staff regarding spectator permissions at home contests.