**What to Expect When Attending Winter Athletic Events at**

**South Putnam Community Schools**

We are excited and thankful to continue and welcome students, coaches, staff, support

personnel, and spectators back to South Putnam High School as we begin the 2020-2021

Winter Seasons at South Putnam Community Schools.

In accordance with the IHSAA, the Putnam County Health Department, and Governor

Holcomb’s recent mandates, we will adhere and enforce the following guidelines and

restrictions for fans to be in attendance at Athletic Events hosted by South Putnam

Community Schools.

Although these guidelines and restrictions may feel unnecessary and/or uncomfortable

for some, they are non-negotiable and must be followed for us to provide these

experiences for our athletes.  Please remember we are here for them and the small

sacrifices we may make at these events in order for them to happen are well worth it.

They have worked very hard to be ready to compete and represent our school and

community and they will also be following the same guidelines and restrictions you are

(unless they are under strenuous activity competing in the event itself).

Thank you for your understanding and compliance as we eagerly begin to compete!

**Gate Entry and Contact Tracing**

Before entering the gate, each spectator must scan a QR Code (camera from phone will

scan and open link) and complete form.  Upon opening the link, you will be asked to fill

in the date, name, a contact number, and what event you are attending…it is really

quick and easy and the preferred method to record attendance.  The Board of Health

Requires this for Contact Tracing in the event of a positive COVID Case after the event.

If spectators cannot use the QR Code, the ticket taker will record spectator name and

number.  No one will be admitted unless this information is given in one of the two ways.

Gates will open a little earlier than in previous years to hopefully help with the additional

steps for entry and the spacing of spectators in line.  Please be patient with our ticket

takers as they will do the best they can to get everyone in quickly. We will place two ticket takers at larger events.

**Facial Coverings are Required**

Spectators will be required to wear a mask or a gaiter to gain entry.  All facial coverings

will need to remain on for the duration of the event (indoor or outdoor).  The only time

facial coverings may be removed will be to consume food or beverage.

**Seating/Viewing Area Restrictions**

Spectators will be asked to sit by “family unit” whenever possible and to also socially

distance between those “family units”.  When possible, we will place an empty row

between spectators.

**Restroom Usage**

Restrooms will be open at 50% capacity.  Signs will be posted with capacity numbers.  If

there is a line for usage, please practice social distancing.

**Concessions Stand Service**

Concessions will be available.  Concession stands will have sneeze guards installed

during the event and everyone will be masked up.  Concession groups will continue to sell

all items they always have for games.  Hot dogs, Popcorn, Pretzels, and Nachos along

with Hard Candy and Candy Bars.  All of these items must be pre-packaged, however,

and when we run out, we will be out.  Please be patient with concession workers.

**Social Distancing**

Marks will be placed on the ground for wait lines. As we did with the Fall, we are anticipating a successful Winter Sports Season but cannot achieve that without your patience, understanding, and willingness to comply to the guidelines given to us by the State and County.  As stated previously, some of these may seem unnecessary or uncomfortable, but they need to be followed for our athletes. We know our athletes need sports…they deserve sports…and we are happy to continue to provide them these opportunities!

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Athletic Office at:

765-653-3610.

Sincerely,

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South Putnam Community Schools