

SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020 Policies and General Information Regarding Football Games at Tully Stadium Revised for Covid-19

1. Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the field or in the team area before the game, at half-time, or after the game. The teams shall have the field for uninterrupted warm-up for a period of 60 minutes which will end 15 minutes prior to game time.
(Ex. Game time 7:00, warm-up from 5:45 to 6:45)
2. Only drill team, band students, or cheerleaders, in uniform, may form victory lines on the playing field. They must maintain 6 feet of separation for social distancing purposes.
3. **All spectator seating will be located on the upper level of the stadium on both sides. Seating capacity will not exceed 850 spectators on each side.**
4. All SBISD students, employees, game officials and staff, contract workers and spectators, including those 3 years old up to adults, will be required to wear a face mask or face covering appropriately over the nose and mouth in alignment with the LearnSBISD plan.
5. All spectators must wear face coverings before entering the stadium and must continue wear them at all times while in Tully Stadium except when drinking or eating.
6. Each individual will be verbally screened (via questioning) for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of COVID-19. School participants will be screened by their coach or director prior to their arrival at the stadium. These signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or experiences any of the symptoms of COVID-19

NOTE: To be considered exposed to COVID-19, you need to have **prolonged** close contact with a person who has the virus. Close contact includes living in the same household, caring for a sick person with the virus, being within 6 feet

of a sick person with the virus for at least 15 continuous minutes without the use of a face covering, or being in direct contact with secretions from the sick person. Any visitor to a SBISD site that fails to satisfactorily answer the screening questions above, will not be allowed to enter the premises and will need to leave immediately. (Updated 08/30/2020, LearnSBISD Plan)

7. Spectators must follow all social distancing guidelines at all times.
8. Spectators may not sit in areas marked off with RED Tape.
9. SBISD Athletics has the right to limit total number of tickets and passes allowed for each game.
10. Adult booster groups may form victory lines on the south ramp but will be limited in number in order to maintain proper social distancing and must wear face coverings.
11. Air horns, bells, and other mechanical/electronic noisemakers are prohibited in Spring Branch ISD.
12. Food or drinks may not be brought into the stadium except by bands, drill teams, cheerleaders. Glass bottles or glass containers are prohibited in the stadium.
Food, Drinks, Gum and seeds of any type are prohibited in the field area.
13. The use of confetti is prohibited in the stadium. No wrapping of the goal posts is permitted.
14. Balloons may not be brought into the stadium. Items such as skateboards, scooters, frisbees, and balls are not permitted in the stadium.
15. Live animal mascots are not allowed in the stadium.
16. **NO band, drill team, cheerleaders or photographer** may encroach upon the restraining lines (dotted line) or the bench area (10-yard line to 10-yard line) during the course of the game.
17. **Spirit Signs**—Signs are allowed on the fencing at the **South end** of the stadium. No signs are allowed in the seating area at any time. (Exceptions: Signs designating the band or drill team may be placed on the lower railings in front of each organization.) Grassy slopes in the south end zone may be used only for a mascot sign. **Painters tape, rope, or zip ties are required to hang spirit signs. Spirit flags may not be placed and secured inside or outside the stadium. Hand held only spirit flags may be displayed on victory lines then put away after both teams enter the field.** All signs and tape should be removed at the conclusion of the contest.
18. No ticket refunds will be given. No Re-Entry is allowed.
19. State laws and school policies will be in effect concerning alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, weapons and distribution of any type of literature.
20. All people on the sidelines outside of the bench area, who are not in uniform, must have an **Orange sideline pass.**

21. No items of any kind are allowed to be thrown from the field into the stands.
22. No spectators will be allowed into or across the tarmac area until all bands and drill teams have exited the area and the area has been opened to the public.
23. Run-through signs may not be placed on the field if it has been raining and acrylic type paint has been used. Glitter is not allowed to be used on any run-through signs.
24. **BANDS, DRILL TEAMS, CHEERLEADERS, SPIRIT GROUPS AND G.S.L.**
 - A. All bands, drill teams and cheerleaders should park their buses on the east side in the designated bus parking areas. Band, drill teams and cheerleaders should enter the tarmac area to get to the ramp leading to the field from the east side of the stadium through the wrought-iron gate entrance.
 - B. Band and drill team sections (188 for band members and 59 drill team members' seats/247 aggregate) in the stadium are marked by the appropriate signage and will be in the lower portion of the stadium. SBISD Athletics will work with the Fine Arts Directors and HS Principal on how the seats in the lower sections of Tully will be assigned if adjustments are needed to the band and drill team seating capacities within the 247 aggregate.
 - C. Every band member and drill team member must maintain 6 feet of separation for social distancing purposes. Band members and drill team members may only seat in rows **NOT** marked in red tape.
 - D. **Halftime props will not be allowed in Tully Stadium.**
 - E. **Mascot statues will not allowed in Tully Stadium.**
 - F. Band and drill team directors must wear proper credentials, should enter through the sideline pass gate. All bus drivers should also wear identification badges.
 - G. During half-time ceremonies, only band and drill team directors (adults only) may use the South camera deck of the west side press box for observation.
Each school will be allowed a **total of 14 minutes for half time activity.**
 - H. The field is covered with an artificial surface. Flaming batons or similar acts for half-time shows will not be permitted on the field.
 - I. Arrangement for half-time refreshments is the responsibility of each group. Empty cans and bottles must be removed by the group responsible.
 - J. After the game, to facilitate getting the crowd out of the stadium, the visiting and home bands will be allowed no more than 2 selections each. A selection should not be the National Anthem.
 - J. **NO GSL pre-game ceremonies due to Covid 19.**

- K. Individuals that are a part of a school spirit group are encouraged to be in an identifiable group t-shirt. If the spirit group does not have t-shirts, a sponsor is needed at the east pass gate to identify who should be allowed access. The spirit group will enter the field from the ramp. After holding the run-through sign, the spirit group should exit the field up the ramp and go back to the stands.
- L. NO in person singing of the National Anthem this season.
25. **WEST PRESS BOX**: Only game personnel (clock operators, announcers, spotters, sound techs, message board operators, and coaches will be allowed in the press box .
26. **EAST PRESS BOX**. Only visitors' coaches and game personnel will be allowed in the press box. No scouts will be allowed in the press box. All scouting must be done from the stands. 3 scouts per school and only scouts for next week's opponent will be admitted.
27. **STUDENT SEATING**: Will be limited to number of tickets allowed to be sold for each game. Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times.
28. **PARKING**
- A. All home and visiting team, band, cheer, and drill team buses will be parked in the designated areas at the southeast end of the stadium.
 - B. Home football buses will be parked at the designated area west of the fieldhouse in front of the athletic office.
 - C. The reserved parking area west of the fieldhouse is for Board Members, administrative office personnel, game officials and other designated personnel only.
29. **PHOTOGRAPHERS**
- A. Will be on a very limited basis and must have district approval.
 - B. The southwest camera deck is for the home team video personnel. All video personnel should enter the stadium with the team. The Northeast camera deck is for the visitors. In the case of inclement weather please see the stadium administrator for further instructions. All filmers must wear masks.
 - C. Sideline passes for the school paper and for the school yearbook will be issued on a limited basis by Dwayne Eggerman, Asst. AD to all sponsors for distribution at the sponsor's discretion.
30. **TICKET GATES**: Ticket gates will open 1 hour prior to game time.
31. **PASS GATE**: Approved passes will be honored at all ticket booths. Sideline passes will only be issued at the Southwest pass gate and will be on a very limited basis. Those wishing to leave tickets for anyone should leave those tickets at the Southwest pass gate.
32. **THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS/ E CIGARETTES OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF SMOKING DEVICE IS PROHIBITED ON THE PROPERTY OF ALL ATHLETIC FACILITIES IN SPRING BRANCH.**

33. TAILGATING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT TULLY STADIUM.

34. BOOSTER CLUB INFORMATION

- A. Booster clubs wishing to sell spirit items will be allowed into the stadium to set up 1.5 hours before kickoff. Groups will enter either at the Northeast or Northwest gates. Anyone entering the stadium early must be on an approved list from the school they are representing.
- B. At the north end plaza areas near the ticket booths tables will be available for booster club groups to set up to sell spirit items. Do not set the tables up past the flag poles. Please do not block any pathways. After game please make sure tables are put back on the cart.
- C. Anyone wishing to sell spirit items must be associated with the game. Examples: Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, Drill Boosters, Cheer Boosters, etc.

35. **SPORTSMANSHIP**- At the conclusion of the contest both teams and coaches will come to the numbers on their side of the field and raise their helmets and/or hats to each other to show good sportsmanship at the end of the game. There will be no handshaking at the conclusion of the contest.