



Marple Newtown School District Spectator Guidelines for Athletic Events

Dear Marple Newtown Community,

We have transitioned into the official start of the winter athletic season. We have created plans to meet the most recent orders, mandates, and guidelines on gathering limitations. In order to hold these events in a safe and orderly manner, we must have the cooperation of parents, families, and the general public. Without this cooperation, we risk the possible cancellation of events, and/or sanctioning of teams or the school district and its personnel; and/or exclusion of spectators. We thank you in advance for your willingness to work together with us to provide the safest venue for our student-athletes to participate in their seasons. We went through a 3-week pause and now are ready to get moving again.

The Central Athletic League agreed that each school district will make its own decision regarding allowing spectators. Marple Newtown School District and the Central Athletic League remain committed to the health, safety, and welfare of all our student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. We ask that you honor and respect the decisions of the league and also of each individual school. Please remember our goal remains to allow our kids to have an opportunity to play in as many games as possible.

Newly released Guidelines for Capacity at Sporting Events from Governor Wolf effective on 11/25/20 and updated 1/4/20.

Maximum Occupancy Calculator for Indoor Events

Maximum Occupancy	Allowable Indoor Rate
0 – 2,000 people	10% of Maximum Occupancy
2,001 – 10,000 people	5% of Maximum Occupancy
Over 10,000 people	No events over 500 people

Maximum Occupancy Calculator for Outdoor Events

Maximum Occupancy	Allowable Indoor Rate
0 – 2,000 people	15% of Maximum Occupancy
2,001 – 10,000 people	10% of Maximum Occupancy
Over 10,000 people	5% or Maximum Occupancy up to 2,500 people

Marple Newtown High School Facility Limitations:

Capacity includes all of the following: Participants, Coaches, Officials, Game Workers, as well as Spectators

The MNHS Main Gym: Bleachers 1500 maximum capacity; **capacity per guidelines is 150**

The following are the Marple Newtown School District guidelines for events held at our facilities for indoor events:

- All practices are closed to the public and no spectators are allowed.
- Indoor events at MN: All home players will be given 2 tickets for spectators. All visiting senior players will be given 2 tickets for the event.
- All away senior basketball/wrestling players will be given 2 tickets for guests. Away fans will arrive to enter and exit in the back parking lot.
- Swimming/diving: no fans will be allowed at all due to space needed for the teams
- Athletic Directors will continue to coordinate to ensure each senior is given their 2 tickets for entry.
- Each Marple Newtown player will be given 2 guest passes for each home game. Each visiting basketball senior players will be given 2 guest passes. Once the JV game is over, JV parents must exit the gym.

We will stream our varsity games in order for family members that are unable to attend to watch. Indoor events will be streamed through the MN Athletics you tube channel.

Requirements for All Athletic Events:

- Everyone attending the sporting event, including coaches, officials, athletes, staff, and spectators (age 2 and older) must wear face coverings (masks or face shields with a mask underneath) upon entering and exiting athletic venues and during the events.
- All spectators must maintain social distance unless they live in the same household.
- Attendance at any event is subject to appropriate behavior and adherence to our health and safety plans.
- Anyone who refuses to adhere to our guidelines and will be asked to leave.
- Our priority remains to allow our athletes to play games.
- We really need cooperation for everyone in this matter to allow us to achieve this goal for the kids.

Facility Details for Spectators:

- Gym: All spectators will park in the back parking lot, and enter through the side gym doors in order to get to the main gym. Visitor fans will sit in the end zone bleachers and will be socially distanced. Home fans will sit opposite from the teams and will be socially distanced.
- Concession stands will NOT be open and food/drink is not allowed at any event.
- We will not be charging this winter for our events.
- These procedures are subject to change as updated guidance from Local and State Departments become available.

We appreciate your support and look forward to the student athletes getting as many games as possible this winter.

Sincerely,
Marple Newtown Athletics



