

SMSD MITIGATION / SPECTATOR GUIDELINES - Spring 20-21

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 Spring 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
- ❖ Facemasks are required in the facility and all spectators must wear a mask at all events, indoor and outdoor and must wear the mask for the duration of the activity. No mask, no admittance
- ❖ Facemasks are required to be worn and 6' of social distancing must be maintained (examples: waiting in line to enter/exit the venue, concession stand lines [*pre-packaged items ONLY: this is a school option*], restrooms, spectators standing along the fence line, etc.)
- ❖ Social Distancing of 6'. Families must sit in close proximity to each other
- ❖ Arrive with hands sanitized
- ❖ Spectators will not be allowed near participant groups, or on fields/courts or inside fenced 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 may be limited - based on school venue capacity
- ❖ Bring only essential items to the event. (i.e. no food)
- ❖ 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

TICKETS SALES/ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS

- ❖ There will be no charge for any SMSD sponsored regular sporting events this Spring. However, for special events which incur additional costs to put on, the host school may charge for entry to cover the extra event costs. These special events include, but are not limited to, SM North Relays, SFL Softball Festival and the District Track and Field Meet.
- ❖ Soccer / Track and Field - Open seating at SMDS-NL, SMDS-SL and SMDAC (WR) District Stadiums. Masking is required. Social distancing is required when appropriate. Families will sit together. Student sections are required to mask and social distance. Violators could be removed from the contest.
- ❖ Softball / Baseball - These are open venue seating - lawn chairs and standing are encouraged and permitted due to limited bleacher seating. Masking is required. Social distancing is required when appropriate. Families will sit together. Student sections are required to mask and social distance. Violators could be removed from the contest.
- ❖ **Swimming - SMSD team(s) are allowed up to two spectators per participant(s) family - siblings are eligible as part of the two entries for admittance during this period of time, but must sit with the family cohort. There may be an exception for numbers when the Dive meet is hosted - there are many teams, but not too many divers.**
 - 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
- ❖ Tennis / Golf - These are open venue seating - lawn chairs and standing are encouraged and permitted due to limited or no bleacher seating. Masking is required. Social distancing is required when appropriate. Families will sit together. Student sections are required to mask and social distance. Violators could be removed from the contest. This golf seating policy is subject to rules of the specific golf course.
- ❖ USD 512 reserves the right to revoke an entry from anyone not willing to follow these guidelines. Staff members have the authority to enforce mitigation protocols.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS

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

Home and Visiting Student Photographers - Student photographers are allowed in designated areas only. All photographers must check in with the host administrator.

Family of Student Athletes - Will not be allowed on the field/court to take pictures without Administrative approval. If approved to take photos, the photos must be taken from designated areas.

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.