



Marple Newtown School District Spectator Guidelines for Athletic Events

Dear Marple Newtown Community,

We have transitioned into the official start of the spring 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 have been successful in the fall and winter earlier this year and are ready for more success in the spring.

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, 3/1/21, and 3/15/21.

Maximum Occupancy Calculator for Indoor Events 15% (changes to 25% on April 4, 2021, provided appropriate social distancing can be observed)

Maximum Occupancy Calculator for Outdoor Events 20% (changes to 50% on April 4, 2021, provided appropriate social distancing can be observed)

Marple Newtown High School Facility Limitations:

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

The MNHS Stadium is 3000 maximum capacity; **capacity per guidelines is 600. (As of April 4, 2021, capacity may be as high as 1,500, provided appropriate social distancing can be observed).**

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

- All practices are closed to the public and scrimmages/games/meets/matches are closed to the public. Entry is by invitation/ticket only.
- Outdoor events in MN stadium:

- We will prioritize the remaining available tickets in this order after the participants have been accounted for:
 - MN Senior Participant Guests, All MN participant guests, Visiting Participant Senior Guests, Visiting Participant Guests, MN students, visiting students, General Public
- Athletic Directors will communicate rosters, so spectators can be checked in at the main gate.
- Away fans will arrive and park in the back main parking lot, then they will exit in the back parking lot.

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.
- **Gaiters are not allowed in MNSD**
- 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 will be asked to leave.
- Our priority remains to allow our athletes to play games.
 - This will require cooperation from everyone involved to allow us to achieve this goal for the kids.

Facility Details for Spectators:

- All spectators will park in the back parking lot, and sit on the near side of the home bleachers and be socially distanced. Visiting fans will sit in far side home bleachers and will be socially distanced.
- Concession stands will NOT be open and food/drink is not allowed at any event.
- **We will be charging this spring for our events.**
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Please be sure to review the policy and understand the rules at away contests.
- 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 spring.

Sincerely,
Marple Newtown Athletics

