

WHARTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policies and General Information Regarding Football Games at Eddie Joseph Memorial Stadium

The following items ARE NOT PERMITTED in the stadium:

Drugs	Distribution of Literature	Artificial Noisemakers
Use of Tobacco Products	Outside Food or Drinks	Balloons
Weapons	Tripods	Skateboards
Balls of any type	Signs	Frisbees
Flag Poles	Animals	Whistles
Baby Powder	Aerosol Cans / Silly String	Containers of any kind
Alcoholic Beverages	Bubbles	Confetti
Student Backpacks		

*****ALL GUESTS, PURSES AND BAGS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH**

STADIUM POLICIES

1. UIL and 11-4A policies will be strictly enforced.
2. Medical emergencies at EJM Stadium varsity football games will be handled by emergency crews from the Wharton Fire Department.
3. Only authorized news media and authorized photographers (student and adult) will be allowed on the field or in the team area before the game, during the game, during half-time and after the game. Radio, TV and authorized media personnel must contact Tricia Groze by the Wednesday at NOON of game week @ 979-532-3612 in order to receive a media pass for the press box or a sideline.
4. Only dance team, band students, or cheerleaders in uniform, may form spirit lines on the playing field.

Spectators are not allowed on the field or in the fieldhouse area after the game.

5. Air horns, and other mechanical/electronic noisemakers are prohibited in Wharton ISD.

6. Food or drinks may not be brought into the stadium except by bands, dance 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.

7. Balloons may not be brought into the stadium. Items such as skateboards, scooters, Frisbees, and balls are not permitted in the stadium and may not be thrown into the stands.
8. No items of any kind are allowed to be thrown from the field into the stands without prior approval of the athletic department. Please send all requests to Lance Carter (281-396-2789) by Wednesday at NOON of game week.
9. Live animal mascots are not allowed in the stadium. Dummy mascots, signs, etc., may not be paraded or displayed in the end zones or in front of opponent's stands.

10. **NO** band, dance team, cheerleaders or photographer may encroach upon the restraining lines (dotted line) or the bench area (25-yard line to 25-yard line) during the course of the game.
11. **Spirit Signs**—Signs are allowed on the fencing and railing at the stadium. No signs are allowed in the stands at any time. (Exceptions: Signs designating the band or dance team may be placed on the lower railings in front of each organization.) Grassy turf area in the south end zone or north end zone may be used only for a mascot sign. No sign or banner advertising businesses are allowed without the approval of the WISD Operations Department.

Painters tape, rope, or zip ties are required to hang spirit signs (NO DUCT TAPE). Hand held only spirit flags may be displayed on spirit lines then put away after both teams enter the field.

All signs, tape, rope and zip ties must be removed at the conclusion of the contest.

12. No ticket refunds will be given. No Re-Entry is allowed.
13. **Sideline Passes** - All people on the sidelines outside of the bench area, who are not in uniform, must have a **color coded SIDELINE PASS**. No one is allowed to stand, photograph, or film from the end zone area of the field without authorization. Color Coded Sideline passes will be issued by the Educational Support Center or the Athletic Directors Office.

Teams coming to play at EJM Stadium from outside of our district please provide us with a copy of your sideline passes.

14. 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 or on half-time props.
15. A list of those requiring early entry assisting in selling football programs, booster club or promotional items must be sent to Brittani May by Wednesday at NOON prior to that week's football game. (Helpers must be approved by the Athletic Booster Club for early entry). Booster Club sellers must enter through the Main Entrance Gate of the stadium with a purchased ticket. Children are not allowed to come in with the early entry sellers. (Max. 25 people Early Entry)
16. **PRESS BOX**: No unauthorized entry will be granted into the press box. The area is invitation only and access will only be granted through the Operations Department or Director of Athletics.
17. **SCOUTING AREA**: The designated area for scout will be determined by the Director of Athletics.
18. **STUDENT SEATING**: The student seating sections is located in the marked general admission area.
19. **PARKING –**
- All home and visiting band, cheer, choir and dance team buses will be parked in the designated areas.

- b. Football Buses will be parked on the south end of EJM Stadium.
- c. The reserved parking area in the first row stadium is for Board Members and Superintendent only.

20. **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

- a. All photographers must be approved by the coach or principal of his or her school or have some kind of identification in order to be on the sideline. It is preferred that the visiting team photographers contact the WISD Athletic office prior to the game to expedite admittance. **Brittani May – 979-488-4849.**
- b. All video personnel should enter the stadium with the team. In the case of inclement weather please see the stadium administrator for further instructions.
- c. Sideline passes for the school paper and for the school yearbook will be issued by the **Campus Athletic Secretary** of WISD.

21. **TICKET GATE:** Ticket gates will open 1 hour before the game.

22. **PASSES:** WISD employees will be admitted by his/her WISD faculty/employee picture badge only. Passes accepted are District Passes (Ex. 11-4A), WISD SEASON PASS (current year only), THSCA Cards, THSADA Cards, TGCA Cards, TASO Cards, GOLDEN TIGER Cards and sub varsity football passes.

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23. **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 main ticket entry gates.** Anyone entering the stadium early must be on an approved list from the school they are representing.

Submit a list to the ESC by noon Wednesday of game week. Anyone not on the list will have to pay for entry to the stadium.

- B. Boosters must provide their own set up to sell spirit items. Please do not block any pathways or entrances.
- C. Athletic, Band and Dance team booster club personnel are the ONLY organizations allowed to sell spirit items at EJM Stadium. If the above organizations wish to sell spirit items at varsity football games, please contact Brittani May (979-488-4849) by Wednesday at NOON prior to the game. Patrons from these organizations who wish to enter EJM Stadium early to sell items for booster clubs must present either a game ticket or an approved pass (current year only) in order to enter.

D. Blow Up Crews

1. Enter the Stadium at the designated auxiliary entrance.
2. They will be allowed field access to drop off their equipment, then return to band area until pregame.
3. **Please return to the stands after they have secured their equipment after the pregame and second half run through.** This was a request of PD and Security to minimize the number of people on the field at EJM Stadium.

After the pregame run through deflate the run through and move it to the track area. This will keep the areas clear for emergency vehicles.

E. Booster Clubs Merchandise Sellers

1. Enter the Stadium at main entrance and upon leaving the stadium, and must exit the stadium before the end of the fourth quarter.
2. They will unload their merchandise at the ramps at the main entrances. Two dollies have been ordered to help them get merchandise into the facility. They will be stored in the concession stand storage area and must be returned once finished.
3. Upon unloading your merchandise, park your truck and trailers directly in general parking.

F. Decorating Reminders at EJM Stadium

1. All decorations will be inside the stadium
2. The Berm on the North End is reserved for any large cut outs or yard signs you would like to display
3. All banners must be hung with a carabineer or zip ties. And the zip ties must be removed after the game.
4. CAN NOT use any tape of any kind to secure the signs

BANDS, DANCE TEAMS, CHEERLEADERS, SPIRIT GROUPS AND G.S.L.

1. All bands, dance teams and cheerleaders should park their buses on the north side in the designated bus parking areas. Band, dance teams and cheerleaders should enter the stadium at the designated field through entrance gate.
2. Band and dance team sections in the stadiums are marked by the appropriate signage.
3. Band and dance team directors and chaperones must wear identifying badges, enter with their groups and sit in sections reserved for them. All bus drivers should also wear identification badges.
4. Each school will be allowed a total of twelve (12) minutes of the 28 minutes allotted for the half-time performances. If a Band/Dance team wishes to perform after a game, contact the Operations Department and Chief Landy Williams–WISD Police must be contacted by Wednesday at NOON prior to that week's football game.

5. Band and/or Dance team parents who wish to film half-time performances must refer to and adhere to the "video camera information" page.
6. The field is covered with an artificial surface. Pointed objects or objects with sharp or uneven edges are prohibited on the field. This includes any props used by a band or drill team. Sidelines are to be kept free of any type of equipment that might injure an athlete as he goes out of bounds.
7. Arrangement for half-time refreshments is the responsibility of each group. Empty cans and bottles must be removed by the group responsible.
8. Only those G.S.L./ Honorary Captain's representatives participating in that night's game will be allowed free admittance into the game. Only those on the GSL/Honorary Captain list provided to the Operations Department by the HS campus will be admitted.
9. Individuals that are a part of a school spirit group are encouraged to be in an identifiable group t-shirt. The spirit group will enter the field from the access gate. After holding the run-through sign, the spirit group should exit the field and go back to the stands.
10. All choir groups that will be singing the National Anthem need to report no later than 45 minutes prior to kickoff. We will have a sound check 30 minutes prior to kick off or right after both teams leave the field. Choir members are to report to the 50-yard line at the designated time for sound check.
11. Parking Monitors will assist each school in parking all buses, instrument/ equipment trucks and dance team prop trucks only at EJM Stadium. Please refer to Stadium map for dropping off and parking locations.

VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME INFORMATION



EDDIE JOSEPH MEMORIAL STADIUM

1234 Boiling HWY, Wharton, TX 77488
979-???-????

SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:
Brittani May Bmay@whartonisd.net
(979-488-4849)

**EDDIE JOSEPH MEMORIAL
STADIUM FOOTBALL INFORMATION
REQUEST**
From Head Football Coach

- Team Roster (1)
- Starting Line-up (1) (Announcer)
- Two-Deep Offense / Defense (1)
- List of Film Crew -
- List of Run Through Crews names
- Copy of Sideline Pass List
- Copy of District Pass
- Copy of Sideline Pass

SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:
Brittani May
BMAY@WHARTONISD.NET
(979-488-4849)

EDDIE JOSEPH MEMORIAL STADIUM FOOTBALL INFORMATION REQUEST

From School Administration

School Name: Wharton Tigers High School

Game Match Up: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____pm Kick-Off at EJM Stadium

1. Superintendent—
2. Assistant Superintendent(s) -
3. Executive Director of Athletics –
4. Assistant Athletic Directors –
5. Principal—
6. Assistant Principals-
Associate Principal –
7. Campus Athletic Coordinator/Head Football Coach—
8. Assistant Coaches—
9. Campus Athletic Secretary –
10. Athletic Trainers –
11. Team Doctors:
12. Band Director—
13. Assistant Band Directors—
14. Choir Director –
 - a. Assistants –
15. Cheerleader Sponsor – (list of cheerleader names attached)
16. Drill Team Sponsor—
17. Good Sportsmanship League Sponsor – (list of student names attached)
18. Team Captains-
19. National Anthem played by:

2019-2020 Cheerleading Squads
Varsity

Flagmen

Cheer Coaches

Varsity Cheer Sponsor
JV Cheer Sponsor
Flagmen Sponsor

Good Sportsman League

Sponsor –

Blow Up Crew:

Photographers:

Filmers:

WHARTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Eddie Joseph Memorial Stadium Tailgate Reservation Form

Name of Organization	Date Requesting	Set-Up Start Time	Event Start Time	Event End Time (including clean-up)
List the of # of parking spaces requested. (number of spaces vary by event)				Number in attendance (approx.)
List all equipment to be used.				
Contact/Sponsor Name		Contact/Sponsor Phone		
Contact Email Address				

WISD EJM Stadium Tailgate Regulations

1. Tailgate activities at EJM Stadium or school campus must have the approval of the **School Principal, WISD Athletics and WISD Police/Operations Departments.**
2. Tailgating Locations:
 - **EJM Stadium: Home Team** - In the North West corner of the West Parking Lot.
 - **Visiting Team** – In the grassy area in the North East corner of the East Parking Lot.
3. A WISD Police Officer **MUST** be hired by the sponsoring organization by calling the WISD Police Department at 979-533-3460. The officer hired must be on site during the entire event. (\$35.00 per hour – two hour minimum)
4. WISD property regulations such as no glass, no alcohol, no tobacco, no open fire and no wood burning fire will be followed.
5. At the end of the tailgate event the sponsoring organization is responsible for cleaning up the area 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the game and disposing of the trash.
6. Tailgate activities at EJM Stadium or on the high school campus must not in anyway create a traffic or safety hazard.

Contact/Sponsor Signature	Date
Campus Athletic Coordinator Signature	Date
Principal's Signature	Date

SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:

Tricia Groze

TGroze@Whartonisd.net

(979-532-6204)

Tailgating Locations

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Input Aerial view of the stadium

Tailgate Regulations

1. Tailgate activities at EJM Stadium or high school campuses must have the approval of the High School Principal and the WISD Police and Operations Departments.
2. Operations Department must be contacted as to the date that each organization is going to tailgate at EJM Stadium two weeks prior to the event.
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7. Tailgate activities at either stadium or on the high school campus must not in any way create a traffic or safety hazard.

Parent Night/Homecoming/Special Events

1. Operations Department must be contacted by e-mail (tgroze@whartonisd.net) or by phone at (979) 532-3612 **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to any special event.
(Examples: The Band and/or Dance Team performing after the game; Dad's dancing with the Dance Team). Homecoming dates have been previously set.
2. All students, parents and administrators involved in homecoming activities or any special half-time events **MUST** enter the field through the field access gate.
3. **PARENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES AND/OR SPECIAL HALF-TIME EVENTS MUST POSSESS A GAME TICKET OR WISD SEASON PASS IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE STADIUM PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.**

Upon completion of the homecoming activities or special half-time events students, parents and/or administrators who were involved MUST exit the field.

Sideline Guidelines

1. All personnel on the sidelines who are not uniformed participants must have a “**WHARTON ISD SIDELINE PASS**” attached to their clothing that will be visible to KISD Police and Security on duty. The WISD Sideline pass will be issued by the Athletic Director’s office.
2. Photographers and newspaper personnel are restricted from entering the coach’s box (25 yard line to 25 yard line). All media credentials will be picked up in the following locations: Educational Support Center or Athletic Directors office.
3. Please also be aware of the sideline cameras as not to block the shot for the WISD year book students.
4. Teams coming to play at EJM Stadium from outside of our district please provide us with a copy of your sideline passes.

Video Camera Information

In Section 1208 of the University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules the following is stated:

1. **Videotaping/Filming by Individuals.** Any individual taping or filming must have permission from the schools involved in the contest and may not obstruct the view of other spectators of the contest.
2. **Commercial Uses.** Use of films or tapes for commercial purposes must be approved by all schools involved in the contest.
3. **Video Cameras** will not be allowed into EJM Stadium without proper authorization from authorized school district personnel. This includes visiting team patrons with video cameras and Wharton ISD patrons.

**WHARTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDDIE JOSEPH'S
MEMORIAL STADIUM**

FOOTBALL PRE-GAME SCHEDULES

The time schedule will be as follows:

Team Warm Up on Field:	90 min
Coin Toss (FH):	15:00
GSL:	14:00
Intro Cheerleaders:	10:00
Visitor School Song:	8:00
Home School Song:	7:00
Starting Line-ups:	6:00
Players return to field:	5:00
National Anthem:	3:00
Simulated Coin Toss:	1:00
Kick Off:	0:00