

FORT WORTH ISD ATHLETIC GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION STADIUM PROCEDURES 2022 FOOTBALL SEASON

Home Team:

1. Home team locker rooms and officials' dressing areas will be sanitized prior to arrival.
2. Home and Visiting Teams will use pre-determined entrances and exits.

Visiting Team:

1. Visiting team locker rooms and officials' dressing areas will be sanitized prior to arrival.
2. Home and Visiting Teams will use pre-determined entrances and exits.

Pre and Post Game Interaction:

1. Pre and Post-game interviews and interactions by media will be conducted with prior approval from FWISD athletics.
2. Post-game sportsmanship will be displayed during the normal handshake lines. Coaches are expected to help keep the handshake line moving and directing their players to the sideline.
3. Coaches and players should move quickly to the locker rooms and exit the field after the game, limiting interaction with spectators.

Fans:

1. Fans are responsible for adhering to the Code of Conduct at all times in the stands.
 - a. Patrons and their guest are prohibited from the following behaviors
 - Interfering with the enjoyment of others.
 - Verbally or physically harassing any of our guests.
 - Engaging in any solicitation
 - Failing to follow instructions of security personnel.
 - Using foul or offensive language.
 - No loitering around the concession or restroom area.
 - b. Patrons and their guests who violate these provisions will be removed from the stadium without refund and may have their ticket buying privileges revoked.
2. All home and visitor seating is on a first come, first serve basis. No season tickets, no reserved seating, and no saving seats.
3. When a game is completed, we ask that all fans leave the facility.
4. FWISD Athletic Department and FWISD Safety and Security will have workers in the stands directing fans on which exit to use as they depart the seating areas.
5. All fans/patrons entering the stadium must have a ticket.
6. **Students in Middle School and Elementary School MUST be accompanied by an adult (parent/family member/guardian).**
7. Unaccompanied High School students will be allowed into the stadium with a High School ID and ticket.
8. **Parents will not be allowed in the locker room area or on the field/track at the conclusion of the game.**

Tickets:

1. All tickets will be purchased on-line and scanned upon entry. No physical tickets will be sold at the ticket booths.
2. All ticket prices for games is \$6.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Students
3. Spectators are encouraged to purchase their tickets online prior to arrival for varsity games.
Instructions on how to purchase a ticket for the contest will be available at the gate.
4. **ONLY DISTRICT PASSES** will be accepted for entry to the football games.
5. **Gates will open one hour prior to kick-off of football games.**
6. **NO RE-ENTRY.** Spectators will be asked to purchase a new ticket.
7. FWISD stadiums are tobacco free facilities and tobacco use is prohibited.

Sanitizing Stations:

1. Sanitizing stations will be available at both home and visitor entry gates.
2. Sanitizing stations will be available at rest rooms.

Press Box:

1. Admittance to the press box is by Press Box Pass List only. Any media member seeking admittance to the press box needs to contact the FWISD athletic office in advance.
2. **Press Box will open 60 minutes prior to game time.**

Scouts will be allowed in the Press Box by list only. Any scout seeking admittance to the press box needs to contact the FWISD Athletic Office in advance. Space will be limited to ensure coaches and members of the media have enough room to work. Limited size of the press box is a factor as well.

Media:

1. Media access to the press box and field will be granted by FWISD Athletic Department only.
2. Media requests should be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the game.

NOTE: There are currently no restrictions or limitations for attending a game at our FWISD facilities. This is subject to change based on guidance from the FWISD, City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County and University Interscholastic League.

Playing Field:

1. **Only uniformed players, coaches, student trainers and managers are to enter the game field.**
2. **Only individuals associated with the team will be allowed on the sideline during the contest.**
3. **Visitors are not allowed on the field.**
4. No food, chewing gum or sunflower seeds are permitted.
5. No tobacco of any kind is permitted.
6. Turf shoes or molded cleats are suitable – no metal cleats.
7. Vehicles that are permitted on the turf field will be provided by FWISD athletic department.
8. Tents must be free standing structures (no stakes may be used to support any tents).
9. All large mechanical noisemakers (large air horns) must be on your side of the stadium and face your fans.

Bands:

1. Bands **performing** at halftime will have a maximum of 14 minutes (this includes set-up and take down time).
2. Designated areas of the stadium will be assigned to the band.

Flag Corps:

1. Flag Corps members will be allowed onto the field area.

Spirit Groups:

1. With prior notification from the school administrator a spirit group dressed in identical attire in school colors representing the school will be admitted into the stands.
2. Drill/Dance Teams will be allowed to perform at halftime of the Varsity contest (**as part of the 14 minutes allowed for the band – no additional time will be granted**).

Pre-Game Music:

1. FWISD facilities utilizes Game Time.
2. All pre-game music will be supplied by FWISD.
3. Home and Visiting teams will not be allowed to bring their own music devices to play prior to the game beginning.

Information for Game Administrators:

1. Principals must designate a game administrator for all contests and have a crowd control plan. The game administrator must sign in with the stadium manager.
2. Principals must arrange for supervision. Game administration and supervision must be in place prior to the game and as fans arrive. It must remain in place until all fans have departed.
3. **Game Administrators for both schools shall meet with officials and FWISD athletic administration 30 minutes prior to the game at the south end of the stadium (under the scoreboard) and after signing in with stadium manager.**

Ambulance:

1. Varsity football games will have an ambulance on site for all varsity football contests.
2. Ambulance and EMT's will be provided by MedStar.

Concessions:

1. Concessions will be available for purchase at Central Site Facilities.
2. No outside food will be allowed to be brought into the stadium by fans.

Lightning Procedure – Warning Horn

- Athletic Administrator will:
 - Get contact info from trainers, head coaches, game administrator, both gates, announcer and clock
 - **When lightning strikes within 10 miles the horn will sound**
 - **Group text “lightning delay”**
 - Take a picture of Scoreboard
 - Each Trainer informs their side
 - Announcer makes announcement
 - Clock puts up 30 min countdown
 - **Text reset each time lightning strikes within 10 miles**
 - **When there is only two minutes on clock please text the group, “please wait for the all clear to sound”**
 - **All clear signal will sound**

Lightning Procedure without horn

- Athletic Administrator will:
 - Get contact info from trainers, head coaches, game administrator, both gates, announcer and clock
 - **When lightning evident the Athletic Administrator will make the call**
 - **Group text “lightning delay”**
 - Take a picture of Scoreboard
 - Each Trainer informs their side
 - Announcer makes announcement
 - Clock puts up 30 min countdown
 - **Text reset each time lightning strikes within 10 miles**
 - **When there is only two minutes on clock please text the group “2 min”**

Clear Bag Policy:

1. **FWISD has instituted a clear bag policy.**
2. 12” X 6” X 12” Clear Totes
3. Plastic Storage Bags (1 Gallon)
4. 16” X 13” Clear and Mesh Drawstring Bags
5. 4.5” X 6.5” Small Clutch Bags
6. **Metal Detectors will be used at all Stadiums**

Run Through Tunnel:

1. One vehicle of no more than four people for each team may deliver and drop off the tunnel.
2. After dropping off the tunnel, vehicle must pull back out and park outside field areas.
3. Only 4 adults are allowed onto the field to set up and inflate tunnel.
4. After teams enter the field, adults manning the tunnel must return to the stands.
5. Process can be repeated at halftime for tunnel.
6. After the contest, the 4 adults may drive vehicle back into field areas to put tunnel up.
7. **Electricity is not available on the field areas – tunnels must be inflated with a generator that is supplied by the campus.**

Team Bell or Artificial Noise Maker:

1. One vehicle of no more than four people for each team can drive onto the field and drop of the noise maker.
2. Noise maker must be facing your fans.
3. **5A Division 1 games – team bell or artificial noise maker is permitted for the home team only**

Prohibited Items from Entering the Stadium:

1. Unmanned aircraft systems
2. Weapons of any kind, including pocket/utility knives
3. Food or Beverages
4. Any alcoholic beverage
5. Illegal drugs and substances
6. Coolers or containers, including cans and bottles
7. Fireworks, pyrotechnics and/or flares
8. Laser pointers
9. Animals, **other than service animals assisting those with disabilities and have documentation identifying them as service animals.**
10. Noisemakers, bullhorns, air horns, whistles and metallic “shaker cans”
11. Banners and flags
12. Balloons, beach balls and any type of ball
13. Bandanas or any gang related items or clothing
14. Any obscene, vulgar or sexually explicit clothing
15. Metal hair picks and/or sharp objects
16. No skateboards or bicycles
17. No paper/hand-held signs or “fat head” signs
18. Folding chairs/lawn chairs/standalone chairs are not permitted on the playing surface or track

Stadium management/security reserves the right to deem any other item inappropriate.

No prohibited items will be accepted at the stadium gates for safekeeping. Please leave all prohibited items secured in your vehicle.

It is the goal of the FWISD Athletic Department to make your game night experience the best it can possibly be. We hope that you enjoy the game.

Thank you.

Fort Worth ISD Athletic Department