

Policy: Clear Bag Requirement for Athletic Events

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to enhance the safety and security of all participants, attendees, and staff at athletic events by implementing a clear bag requirement. This policy aims to minimize potential risks associated with unauthorized items and facilitate efficient security screening processes.
2. **Scope:** This policy applies to all athletic events organized or hosted by St. Martin Parish School Board at its facilities, including but not limited to stadiums, arenas, fields, and gyms. This policy encompasses all participants, attendees, staff, vendors, and any other individuals present at the athletic events.
3. **Clear Bag Requirement:**
 1. Only clear bags meeting the specified criteria outlined in this policy will be allowed inside the event premises. Non-compliant bags will be prohibited from entry.
 2. Clear bags made of plastic, vinyl, or PVC material are permitted. Bags made of mesh or other clear materials that provide visibility of the contents are also acceptable.
 3. The maximum size of a clear bag should not exceed 12" x 12" x 6".
 4. Small clutch purses or wallets, not exceeding 5.5"x7.5", may be allowed alongside a clear bag, but they can be subject to separate inspection.
 5. Diaper bags, with a child in attendance, may be permitted after inspection and approval by event staff, provided they adhere to the size limits specified in section 3.3. 3.6 All bags brought into the event premises are subject to search by authorized security personnel.
4. **Prohibited Items:**
 1. All attendees and participants are prohibited from bringing the following items into the event premises:
 - a. Backpacks, duffel bags, and large purses that do not comply with the clear bag requirement.
 - b. Coolers, glass containers, cans, or any other unauthorized beverage containers.
 - c. Weapons or items that may be used as weapons, including firearms, knives, explosives, and sharp objects.
 - d. Alcohol, illegal substances, drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
 - e. Outside food and beverages, unless medically necessary or for infants/young children.
 - f. Any other item deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or against the event's policies by event organizers or security personnel.
5. **Compliance and Enforcement:**
 1. All attendees, participants, staff, vendors, and individuals present at athletic events must comply with this policy.
 2. School Administration shall communicate this policy to all relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to ticket holders, participants, and staff, through various channels such as event websites, ticketing platforms, signage, and pre-event communications.
 3. Security personnel will enforce this policy by conducting bag inspections and denying entry to individuals with non-compliant bags or prohibited items.
 4. School Administration reserves the right to refuse entry or eject individuals who do not comply with this policy or pose a threat to the safety and security of the event.
 5. Any exceptions or special circumstances related to this policy must be approved in advance by School Administration.
6. **Review and Amendments:**

This policy will be periodically reviewed to ensure its effectiveness and may be amended as necessary to address changing safety and security requirements or circumstances. Amendments to this policy will be communicated through appropriate channels to inform all relevant stakeholders