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This morning, the Ashland School Committee voted on and approved an updated spectator policy beginning on October 17th for Fall 1 Athletics. Thank you to both the School Committee and the Ashland Administration for continued support!

The Tri-Valley League and the Ashland Public Schools are committed to creating the safest possible opportunities for student-athletes to participate in interscholastic athletics. By doing so, our goal is to not only meet, but exceed state guidelines. Per the initial Return to Play Plan, there were to be no spectators allowed at any Tri-Valley League competitions; which will still hold true for competitions in Ashland this weekend.

On October 4th, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) released updated guidelines for Youth and Adult Sport Activity (<u>click here for guidelines</u>). In these guidelines, the amount of spectators allowed at outdoor sporting events expanded from 50 to 100.

The Tri-Valley League re-evaluated the initial policy and proposed an updated plan that was presented to and approved by our School Committee; which is outlined below:

- This updated plan will begin on Week 2 of the Fall 1 Season (October 17th) Each student-athlete will be issued 2 spectator badges
- Spectators will only be allowed at HOME COMPETITIONS
- Badges will be for ADULTS only
- Only adults with badges may enter the facility
- Spectators must sign in at the gate for contact tracing purposes
- Spectators must wear masks at all times
- Spectators must appropriately socially distance in the stands
- Any violation of the spectator expectations will result in immediate removal from the facility

Many thanks to WACA, home contests will continue to be live streamed so that anyone and everyone may see our Clockers in action. To view the live streams, follow one of the links below: ● www.voutube.com/c/wacatvashland

www.facebook.com/wacatv

*Live stream links from our opponents will be released as they come in.

Additional information will be released next week to student-athletes and their families regarding logistics, issuing of the badges, and procedures

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you and as always...GO CLOCKERS!

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