

Pawnee City Public Schools

COVID-19 Protocols for Winter Sports/Activities 2020-21

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Our Goal: The purpose of these protocols is to create an environment for athletes/participants to compete in a manner that is **as safe as possible** to prevent the spread of COVID-19. **We need everyone's cooperation to make that happen!** The better we can work together to help stop the spread of the virus among teams and spectators, the more likely we will be able to continue to have competitions and performances through the pandemic. Protocols in this document may change as necessary to adapt to changing circumstances.

Protocols for All Competitions and Programs:

- Protocols shall be the same for all schools, officials, judges and spectators at a function. *
- Spectators are required to wear face masks that cover the nose and mouth at all times while at a contest or performance, unless eating concessions and spaced more than six feet from other household units. *
- Coaches, sponsors, and non-active participants (i.e. non-playing/singing) are required to wear face masks that cover the nose and mouth at all times. *
- Individuals allowed to attend a contest or performance is not presently limited to individuals who share a household with individuals participating in a contest or performance. *
- Spectator attendance at contests or performances will be limited to no more than 50% of the capacity of the venue: For the Gymnasium that is 400 spectators; for the Auditorium that is 200 spectators. *
 - For all contests or performances other than junior high basketball games, spectator pass lists will be created and only individuals on those pass lists may attend.
- Spectators are expected to self-screen themselves for COVID-like symptoms before attending contests.
- Any individual with fevers of 100.4 or above, or with COVID-like symptoms shall not attend a contest.
- Pawnee City School teams and spectators will follow the expectations of the host site when competing on the road.
- When riding in school buses/vehicles to road contests or practices, all passengers in the bus/vehicle must wear face masks, covering the mouth and nose, while in the bus/vehicle.

**** Required by NSAA regulations and/or DHHS Directed Health Measures***

Protocols for Basketball Competitions:

- Home games, both JH and HS, will be broadcast whenever possible on the school's sports streaming website at: <https://www.twitch.tv/pawneesports>
- Student sections are not allowed. *

- For home high school basketball games, each individual participating in a contest (including players, managers, and coaches) will be allowed to have up to 8 individuals placed on a pass list who can attend games.
 - These spectators can be individuals that do not share a household unit with the participant.
 - Only spectators on the pass list are to be allowed to attend games.
 - This pass list protocol will apply to both the home and visiting teams' spectators.
- For road basketball games, spectators will be limited according to the rules of the school at which we play, and that will be communicated to parents/guardians in advance of the game.
- Spectators shall not gather in the commons area other than as household units.
- Concessions will be provided at HS games, but warm food options may be limited.
- Pawnee City School athletes will not shower at road contests.
 - Athletes will travel to and from contests in uniform, unless a changing room is provided.
- Visiting team athletes will not be allowed to shower at home events.
 - Rooms will be provided for visiting teams to change and have pregame/halftime/postgame talks.
- Pregame and postgame handshakes are prohibited.
- The band will not be allowed to play at contests.

Protocols for Music Performances:

- Music performances, as scheduled, will only be allowed to occur if administration deems the threat of COVID-19 in the school and community as safe to do so.
- Music performances, for household family members on the pass list, will occur in the gymnasium to allow for social distancing.
- Student performances will be separated by classes/grades--each performing one at a time, to limit large-group/multi-class interaction.
- Performances will be arranged on the floor of the gymnasium for instrumentalists and vocalists to separate by six feet while performing.