

To: BSD Students, Staff, Parents, Alumni, Community Members, and other spectators
RE: Mandated Phase 3 limits on individuals in attendance at a high school athletic contest during Seasons 1, 2, or 3 (2020-2021 school year)

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1. [Introduction](#)

We appreciate that everyone has done their part to keep student-athletes, coaching staff, and event personnel safe at our first contests of the school year. To date, we have allowed [home school's](#) spectators to attend contests, aligned with Phase 2 guidance.

The Governor announced a move to Phase 3 along with updated mandates in coordination with the Washington State Department of Health. The new mandate is more complex than what was allowed in Phase 2 and includes updates to what is allowed in gyms and stadiums. We have updated our District's initial plan to align with the updated mandates.

2. [Updated mandates for outdoor contests](#)

- a) Participants no longer count against the number allowed in a facility for a contest.
- b) No matter the number of seats in a stadium, any spectator not from the same household **must remain** six feet apart. The distancing requirement will limit the overall number of spectators that will be able to attend a contest.
- c) For BSD High School Stadiums, the following steps are taken to determine the number of seats available:
 - a. Overall capacity of the stadium is **over** 1600 seats, so the max number of spectators would be 25% of the overall capacity.
 - b. Distancing **will** lower the number of spectators that will be able to attend any contest.

3. [Steps to determine the number of spectators allowed at an outdoor contest](#)

Our outdoor venues can accommodate spectators in 270 total seats, to be filled in the following order:

- a) The home team's parents – first senior, then junior, then sophomore, then freshman parents. For a football contest, this includes football, cheer, and drill parents.
- b) The home team will assign a set number of seats for the home school's students, to be filled in collaboration with the school's ASB leadership.
- c) If there is still space **after** the groups listed in items 'a' through 'c' above are accommodated, the visiting team may be assigned a fixed number of seats should any be available. These seats would accommodate one parent per participating visiting athlete. Should seats be available, the visiting school's athletic department will be responsible to provide the home team with a list of parents who may attend no later than 24 hours prior to the contest.

Note: Building athletic departments will ensure their families are aware of any rules at an away site that will restrict attendance at an away game.

4. Updated mandates for indoor contests

- a) Participants, officials, contest workers, and participants **all** still counted as part of the total number allowed in a facility for a contest.
- b) No matter the number of seats in a gym, anyone in attendance **must remain** six feet apart in the stands. The distancing requirement will limit the overall number of spectators that will be able to attend a contest.
- c) For BSD High School Stadiums, the following steps are taken to determine the number of seats available:
 - a. The max participant limit is either 25% of the overall capacity or 400 spectators, whichever is lower.
 - b. Distancing **will** lower the number of spectators that will be able to attend any contest.

5. Factors that influence the number of spectators at an indoor contest:

- a) **Head Coaches:** Head Coaches will set roster limits. Specific roster limits for ‘team’ sports have been defined for Season 1 and will be defined for Season 2 and Season 3. Rosters for home and visiting teams will include the school’s coaching staff and athletes and when applicable, the roster will include cheerleaders, athletic trainers, and statisticians.
 - a) Teams (neither home nor visiting) **cannot** bring parents along to fill these roster spots unless the parent has an assigned duty on the team and have been cleared through the school’s athletic department.
 - b) The visiting team’s athletic department will notify the home team athletic department if their roster does not fill the maximum number of athletes allowed.
- b) **Other Personnel:** The home school’s athletic department will assign other personnel essential to running game operations
- c) **Rosters:** Once the roster numbers are determined for a home contest, the facility may be able to accommodate spectators. Each facility will be able to accommodate the following total number of individuals at any contest:

Indoor Venues	Total Number of Seats w/ Distancing
BHS Main Gym	160 (80 main, 80 upper)
BHS Aux Gym	Viewing in balcony
IHS Main and Upper Gym	170 (100 main/70 upper)
IHS Aux Gym	0
NHS Main Gym	120
NHS Aux Gym	0
SHS Main Gym	160
SHS Aux Gym	70

6. Steps for determining the number of participants present at an indoor contest:

If a facility can accommodate spectators, remaining spots that are within the facility’s capacity will be filled in the following order:

- a) The home team’s parents – first senior, then junior, then sophomore, then freshman parents. For indoor contests, this includes cheer and drill parents.
- b) The home team will assign a set number of seats for the home school’s students, to be filled in collaboration with the school’s ASB leadership.

- c) If there is still space **after** the groups listed in items 'a' through 'c' above are accommodated, the visiting team may be assigned a fixed number of seats should any be available. These seats would be provided to accommodate one parent per participating visiting athlete. Should seats be available, the visiting school's athletic department will be responsible to provide the home team with a list of parents who may attend no later than 24 hours prior to the contest.

Note: Each high school athletic department will ensure their families are aware of any rules at an away site that will restrict attendance at an away game.

7. Safety Measures

All spectators must adhere to all safety guidelines and spectator rules. There is no admission cost for spectators to attend when allowed.

We now have Pixellot cameras installed in each school's Main Gym and stadium fields for spectators to watch through the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) Network. Additional information will be posted on our school websites and social media outlets.

Please know there is a monthly or yearly subscription to access the entire NFHS network ([Choose a Plan](#)).

8. Spectator Rules for Stadium and Gym

Spectators will be asked to:

- a) arrive at the designated time only
- b) have their temperature checked and provide health attestation on site
- c) enter and exit from specified locations
- d) wear a mask/face covering at all times
- e) remain 6 feet apart from anyone not in their own family at all times
- f) leave a facility immediately when an event ends, with no lingering in the facility

Please note:

- a) Spectator attendance will be recorded for contact tracing.
- b) Areas outside a facility's fences are not the responsibility of the event management staff.