

DIVISION ATHLETICS PLAN

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BACKGROUND

Westwind School Division recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe working, learning, and co/extracurricular environment for all students, staff, and all those who enter division facilities. As we transition into basketball season, we are committed to doing everything we can to ensure students can continue to have the opportunity to participate in school athletics safely and have developed the following plan to guide our processes.

SPECTATORS

ATTENDANCE AT GAMES

- Athletic Directors must review the [Westwind Spectator Code of Conduct](#) and all [public health guidelines](#) with parents at the pre-season parents' meeting.
- The division will continue to follow Alberta Health's [public health guidelines](#) and limit spectator attendance to 1/3 fire code capacity, expecting all attendees to be masked and distanced.
 - Compliance with COVID health orders is expected. Defiance, hostility, confrontation, and/or failure to comply with provincially mandated health measures may result in immediate removal from the event and suspension from all future Westwind events.
- All fans will be expected to follow the [Westwind Spectator Code of Conduct](#).
 - Spectators who fail to follow the expectations outlined in the code of conduct may be prevented from attending future Westwind events.
- Adult tickets/spectator seats will be allocated for each athlete as determined by the schools, for example, using shared lists.
 - Spectators from visiting schools will be limited to 2 tickets per player only (parents preferred).
 - All remaining tickets will be allocated to the student body/community by the home school.
- Members of the general student body will only be permitted to attend basketball home games.
- When space permits, teams travelling together will be permitted to watch each other's games (JV while SV plays), and the gym seating capacity will be adjusted accordingly;
 - In cases where seating is limited, such as some junior high venues, this may not be possible. Classrooms may be made available for teams that need to wait for their game if space in the gym is limited.
- Games will be live-streamed when possible for those unable to attend in person.

MASKING EXPECTATIONS

- The division requires all attendees at games to be masked and ensure physical distancing between different households.

- Any spectator requiring a mask exception must meet with the school principal ahead of the event to discuss the exception and present a [valid medical exception letter](#) from an authorized health professional.
- Spectators who refuse to wear masks without a valid exception and fail to meet with the school principal ahead of the event will not be permitted to enter the event and will be invited to watch online.
- Spectators refusing to mask and comply with government or division COVID-related policies at any extra-curricular/co-curricular events will be asked to leave and banned from future Westwind events.

CLEANING/SANITIZATION

- Anyone entering the school will be expected to self-screen for symptoms using the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) and will only attend games if they are symptom-free.

CONCESSIONS/FOOD

- Individual schools will make decisions about whether or not to run concessions during games/tournaments.

POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

- If a coach or athlete tests positive for COVID-19, AHS will contact the division, and the division will send notifications to those identified as close contacts.
 - Athletes and coaches will not be required to quarantine unless they test positive for COVID-19, exhibit any of the CORE symptoms listed on the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) or are otherwise directed by AHS.

TEAM TRAVEL

- Masks remain mandatory for all students, staff and volunteers travelling on a school bus.