



# Winnebago High School

## Phase 4 Indoor Spectator Policy

The following information was determined through collaboration with other member schools of the Big Northern Conference in an attempt to adhere to all IDPH and IHSA Phase 4 guidelines regarding spectator limitations and expectations. Each conference member school has unique facility capacities, sizes and designs coupled with differing recommendations and guidelines from local county health departments which pose challenges. The BNC membership has developed similar Phase 4 policies to provide some form of equity and similarity throughout the conference to the best of our abilities.

### **STATE POLICIES:**

Current IDPH guidelines with the Illinois All Sports Policy allow for a maximum of 50 spectators at indoor athletic events when enough space between the playing surface and seating area is available. Many gymnasiums in the BNC, including the main gym at WHS, do ***not*** have the physical space to accommodate up to that amount of spectators under this guidance. However, there is enough available space located in the mezzanine to accommodate some spectators to be present and still be provided proper social distancing measures.

### **Attendance Limitations:**

For each interscholastic contest at WHS, all players rostered to participate in a certain contest may have up to a maximum of **TWO (2)** guests per contest. Each student-athlete will be given two tickets (numbered and dated for the contest) to give to their guests. Guests will check in at the main entrance (Door A) of the high school and will only be allowed to enter the mezzanine after presenting their ticket for the current event. Guests will have their body temperature taken via a non-contact infrared thermometer prior to entry and must be at or below 100 degrees to gain entrance into the gymnasium.

### **Guest Duration:**

There will most likely be two or three contests played on a certain date. Lower level games will be conducted first followed by a Varsity level contest. Dated tickets for any particular event will be good for all games being played on that date. Spectators must remain within their assigned area at all times while in attendance. Spectators are **NOT** allowed to come and go. Once you have been checked into the building, you must remain until the contest(s) you wish to see have been completed. If you leave the building, you will **NOT** be allowed to re-enter.

## HOME AND AWAY CONTESTS:

The eleven member schools of the Big Northern Conference have decided to allow guests to attend indoor athletic events from the **HOST** school only. WHS fans will therefore **NOT** be able to gain entrance at any other school's facility where a WHS team will be the visiting opponent. This also means that only guests of WHS rostered-players will be allowed entry into games hosted at WHS.

## SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS:

Spectators will be required to wear face coverings over both their nose and mouth at all times while on WHS property. Guests will be requested to arrive on campus not more than 20 minutes prior to a game's scheduled starting time. No loitering in the building or on campus prior to or after the conclusion of a contest will be allowed. Guests and/or family members may sit next to each other but must remain a minimum of 6' away from other guests at all times. There will be special seating provided for any handicapped guest who is physically unable to gain access into the bleacher area. School district administration will enforce all protocols, policies and procedures. Any guest refusing to comply with all IDPH recommendations and/or accommodations may be removed from the facility. Concessions will **NOT** be made available. Spectators will **NOT** be allowed to bring food into WHS. **Athletes are allowed to bring food of their own and are responsible for proper disposal of any trash.**

## LIVE STREAMING:

Each of the eleven member schools of the BNC plan to livestream their home events in some capacity. Depending on their respective streaming services, brand of camera or format provider, some schools will be offering their home contests via the internet for free while others will have a subscription fee needed to access it. WHS will be sharing all of the livestreaming service locations and links for all games (home or away) as soon as that information is made available. WHS uses Pixelot/NFHS within our Athletic Department that involves a subscription fee allowing members to view each contest live from our gymnasium.