

## Newington Athletics



### Spectator Policy

Dear parents/guardians,

As we have moved through the spring season, we have been pleased to allow spectators into our venues to watch our student athletes compete. It has been a welcome change from previous seasons and has brought about a sense of normalcy for our student athletes and families. Though things are going well, we have seen a growing trend of spectators not wearing masks when attending contests. School administration has stressed that even though there are guidelines coming from outside entities, **the Newington Public School guidelines still require a mask at indoor and outdoor venues** in order to be a spectator. These guidelines are subject to change, but until that guidance has been provided, we will be asking that all spectators wear masks and maintain social distance.

Please understand that these guidelines are in place to maintain health and safety of our community and is our district's policy. The athletics staff is simply enforcing the policy and we ask that you please refrain from using any abusive language or behavior if you are asked to follow the guidelines.

Protocols to attend a Newington High School sporting event:

1. **Masks must be worn at all times and spectators should maintain 6 ft. distance.**
2. Spectators attending the event should stay on their team's side of the facility away from the fencing surrounding the field. We will not be allowing spectators to stand and lean on the fence near the athletes.
3. Upon completion of the contest, spectators will exit ensuring social distance when departing the facility.

It is imperative that the protocols are followed in order to provide a safe and healthy environment for our spectators and student athletes. Failure to adhere to the protocols will result in removal from the event and an inability to attend future contests.

As always, we expect good sportsmanship to be displayed from any fans in attendance and look forward to your positive support of our student athletes, coaches, and officials.

Best Regards,

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