

Southern Public Schools Home Athletic Competitions 2020-2021



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Home Athletic Competitions Options

Using the current Directed Health Measure (DHM) mandated by law and the Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA) guidance, which we anticipate will remain in place for the foreseeable future (75% of rated capacity for outdoor events, 50% of rated capacity for indoor events, and maintaining 6 feet social distancing measure at all times), the district has put forth the following options moving forward:

- **Option 1:**
 - o Each athlete and each cheerleader would be allowed to have 4-6 family members attend each event
 - **Benefits:** This will allow all parents, siblings, and grandparents the ability to attend each home contest
 - **Shortcomings:** No students would be allowed to attend home games
 - **Other Considerations:** Looking at basketball in winter, we could have 4 basketball games & 2 cheerleading squads and the overall amount of family members allowed per participate would need to be reduced to 2-3 family members per participant
 - **Please Note:** All athletes/cheerleaders, administration, coaches, concession/gate workers, custodial staff, and referees will count towards the overall rated capacity mandates
- **Option 2:**
 - o Admittance to home events will be completed on a first come, first serve basis
 - o The district would count all concession/gate workers, coaches, athletes/cheerleaders, and referees first, and then count everyone else at the door.
 - **Benefits:** This will ensure at athletic contests that typically are not well attended, everyone will have the ability to attend pending when they arrive at the game
 - **Shortcomings:** If a parent or a grandparent shows up late to an event and the district is at rated capacity, they would not be allowed to attend the event
 - **Other Considerations:** This option would put the gatekeepers in a delicate spot of keeping track of how many spectators are allowed in the building and enforcing this measure at the door could be challenging (in cooperation with the administration)
 - **Please Note:** All athletes/cheerleaders, administration, coaches, concession/gate workers, custodial staff, and referees will count towards the overall rated capacity mandates
- **Option 3:**
 - o Follow option 2 for fall sports and implement option 1 during the winter sports when rated occupancy will become an issue during home JV/V basketball competitions
 - o The district would follow option 2 for home junior varsity & junior high events

Please Note: Failure to follow the social distancing requirements at Southern home athletic competitions can result in the removal of a person at a contest, the removal of a person for an entire sports season, or the removal of a person from all Southern activities for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition to the Directed Health Measure (DHM), the district will also be following the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) guidelines based on the Public Health Solutions COVID-19 Risk Dial to determine if the district will ease restrictions or increase restrictions when it comes to the number spectators allowed at home athletic contests.

Football Games

Using the current Directed Health Measure (DHM) mandated by law and the Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA) guidance, which we anticipate will remain in place for the foreseeable future (75% of rated capacity for outdoor events, 50% of rated capacity for indoor events, and maintaining 6 feet social distancing measure at all times), the district has put forth the following requirements moving forward:

- Football Seating Capacity:
 - o Home Seating Capacity: 1150
 - o Visitor Seating Capacity: 200
 - o Standing Area Capacity: 650
 - o **Total Available (75% Rated Capacity): 1,500 (Follow option 2 for admittance to home football games)**
- Family members must sit together
 - o Only every other row in the bleachers will be utilized
- Concession
 - o Workers are required to wear masks and gloves
 - o There will be only one money handler
 - o Only prepackaged items (No hot dogs, popcorn, etc.)
 - o Markings will be placed on the ground to ensure individuals waiting are spaced six (6) feet apart
 - o Concession workers must clean and sanitize high touch surfaces regularly
 - o Staff must serve food directly to customers and remove self-serve condiment stations (e.g., provide customers with condiment packets upon request)
 - o Whenever possible, practice social/physical distancing between staff
 - o Employees will be required to wash hands frequently and provide hand sanitizer to customers
 - o Concession workers will be required to clearly communicate and enforce all the procedures listed above
- Lines for the concession stands will be set up to control distancing and they will either be a straight line or an “L” shaped line
 - o Six feet distancing will be marked in queue lines (using tape, spray paint, flag rope and cones, etc.)
 - o Directional arrows can also be used to direct the flow throughout the event (e.g., areas to consider include: ticketing, restrooms, food stands, etc.)
- No tailgates/soup suppers will be allowed
- The band will not be performing at any home or away games
- No one will be allowed on the football field before or after the games
- Everyone taking gate will be required to wear a face covering
- There will be a limited amount of paper materials at each contest (e.g., programs)
- Cheerleaders will be allowed to perform
- Transportation
 - o All students and activity drivers will be required to wear face coverings on a district activity trip if proper social distancing cannot occur
- Press Box
 - o There will be a limited number of workers in the press box
 - o Everyone in the press box will be required to wear face coverings at all times
 - o Only one coach per team will be allowed in the press box

Softball Games

Using the current Directed Health Measure (DHM) mandated by law and the Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA) guidance, which we anticipate will remain in place for the foreseeable future (75% of rated capacity for outdoor events, 50% of rated capacity for indoor events, and maintaining 6 feet social distancing measure at all times), the district has put forth the following requirements moving forward:

- Softball Seating Capacity:
 - o Home Seating Capacity: 100
 - o Visitor Seating Capacity: 100
 - o Standing Area Capacity: 275
 - o **Total Available (75% Rated Capacity): 356 (Follow Option 2 for admittance to home softball games)**
 - **Please Note:** The district may use option 1 for home softball games that are typically well attended by the public
- Family members must sit together around the softball field
 - o No bleacher will be utilized
- Concession
 - o Workers are required to wear masks and gloves
 - o There will be only one money handler
 - o Only prepackaged items (No hot dogs, popcorn, etc.)
 - o Markings will be placed on the ground to ensure individuals waiting are spaced six (6) feet apart
 - o Concession workers must clean and sanitize high touch surfaces regularly
 - o Staff must serve food directly to customers and remove self-serve condiment stations (e.g., provide customers with condiment packets upon request)
 - o Whenever possible, practice social/physical distancing between staff
 - o Employees will be required to wash hands frequently and provide hand sanitizer to customers
 - o Concession workers will be required to clearly communicate and enforce all the procedures listed above
- Lines for the concession stands will be set up to control distancing and they will either be a straight line or an “L” shaped line
 - o Six feet distancing will be marked in queue lines (using tape, spray paint, flag rope and cones, etc.)
 - o Directional arrows can also be used to direct the flow throughout the event (e.g., areas to consider include: ticketing, restrooms, food stands, etc.)
- No tailgates will be allowed
- The band will not be performing at any home or away games
- No one will be allowed on the softball field before or after the games
- There will be a limited amount of paper materials at each contest (e.g., programs)
- Everyone taking gate will be required to wear a face covering
- Transportation
 - o All students and activity drivers will be required to wear face coverings on a district activity trip if proper social distancing cannot occur

Volleyball Games

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- Volleyball Seating Capacity:
 - Home Seating Capacity: 384
 - Visitor Seating Capacity: 384
 - **Total Available (50% Rated Capacity): 384 (Follow Option 2 for admittance to home volleyball games)**
 - **Please Note:** The district may use option 1 for home volleyball games that are typically well attended by the public
- Family members must sit together
 - Only every other row in the bleachers will be utilized
- Everyone taking book and running the clock will be required to wear a face covering
- Concession
 - Workers are required to wear masks and gloves
 - There will be only one money handler
 - Only prepackaged items (No hot dogs, popcorn, etc.)
 - Markings will be placed on the ground to ensure individuals waiting are spaced six (6) feet apart
 - Concession workers must clean and sanitize high touch surfaces regularly
 - Staff must serve food directly to customers and remove self-serve condiment stations (e.g., provide customers with condiment packets upon request)
 - Whenever possible, practice social/physical distancing between staff
 - Employees will be required to wash hands frequently and provide hand sanitizer to customers
 - Concession workers will be required to clearly communicate and enforce all the procedures listed above
- Lines for the concession stands will be set up to control distancing and they will either be a straight line or an “L” shaped line
 - Six feet distancing will be marked in queue lines (using tape, spray paint, flag rope and cones, etc.)
 - Directional arrows can also be used to direct the flow throughout the event (e.g., areas to consider include: ticketing, restrooms, food stands, etc.)
- There will be no soup suppers
- The band will not be performing at any home or away games
- No one will be allowed on the floor before or after the games
- There will be a limited amount of paper materials at each contest (e.g., programs)
- Everyone taking gate will be required to wear a face covering
- Transportation
 - All students and activity drivers will be required to wear face coverings on a district activity trip if proper social distancing cannot occur

Basketball Games & Wrestling Meets

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- Basketball Games & Wrestling Meets Seating Capacity:
 - Home Seating Capacity: 384
 - Visitor Seating Capacity: 384
 - **Total Available (50% Rated Capacity): 384 (Follow Option 1 for admittance to home basketball games & wrestling meets)**
- Family members must sit together
 - Only every other row in the bleachers will be utilized
 - Limited to 4 family members per participant
- Coaches will create family lists and give to the AD on each Monday for the coming week
- Everyone taking book and running the clock will be required to wear a face covering
- Concession
 - Workers are required to wear masks and gloves
 - There will be only one money handler
 - Only prepackaged items (No hot dogs, popcorn, etc.)
 - Markings will be placed on the ground to ensure individuals waiting are spaced six (6) feet apart.
 - Concession workers must clean and sanitize high touch surfaces regularly
 - Staff must serve food directly to customers and remove self-serve condiment stations (e.g., provide customers with condiment packets upon request)
 - Whenever possible, practice social/physical distancing between staff
 - Employees will be required to wash hands frequently and provide hand sanitizer to customers.
 - Concession workers will be required to clearly communicate and enforce all the procedures listed above
- Lines for the concession stands will be set up to control distancing and they will either be a straight line or an “L” shaped line
 - Six feet distancing will be marked in queue lines (using tape, spray paint, flag rope and cones, etc.)
 - Directional arrows can also be used to direct the flow throughout the event (e.g., areas to consider include: ticketing, restrooms, food stands, etc.)
- There will be no soup suppers
- The band will not be performing at any home or away games
- No one will be allowed on the floor before or after the games or wrestling meets
- There will be no student sections
- There will be a limited amount of paper materials at each contest (e.g., programs)
- Everyone taking gate will be required to wear a face covering
- Transportation
 - All students and bus drivers will be required to wear face coverings on a district activity trip if proper social distancing cannot occur
- Cheerleaders are allowed to perform (Limit 4 family members per participant and they must sit together)