



## **2020 FALL SPORTS GUIDELINES FOR FB and VB- SET-UP AND SPECTATOR PROCEDURES**

**Primary Purpose – The safety and well-being of the participants, spectators, and staff is and always will be the primary consideration as we provide opportunities to participate in the fall sports season. Our students are afforded the best opportunity for a positive high school experience, and these precautions are designed to help safely meet that goal.**

Prior to any contest, the host school administration will be required to notify the visiting school administration of their established protocols. The visiting school's team, coaches, and spectators will be expected to follow the set protocols. Protocols will look different at individual schools due to the differences in facilities and current health department directives.

NSAA Member schools are solely responsible for determining whether a scheduled game, match, contest, or other activity is cancelled or postponed due to a COVID-19 related issue in consultation with their local health departments. Member schools shall notify the NSAA of any cancellation or postponement.

The host school should make every effort to mitigate risk and provide adequate opportunities for physical distancing procedures for all persons in attendance.

E-M administration will amend these procedures as needed to fit the current environment caused by the pandemic.

## **2020 VB COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS**

**Masks/Face Coverings – All persons in attendance will wear face coverings.** This includes but is not limited to students, student-athletes, coaches, spectators, and staff. The only exception is the student-athletes who are competing on the court after the start of the contest.

**Temperature Checks at Door –** All persons will have their temperatures checked at the door. Any individual with a temperature of 100.4 or above will not be allowed to enter the facility. Visiting schools will be responsible to temperature check their student-athletes, coaches, and staff prior to entering the facility.

**Spectator Seating/Team Areas –** Because face coverings will be required, spectator seating will not be limited. Physical distancing will be encouraged whenever possible. The team bench areas will be restricted to teams and essential personnel during contests. **STAGE SEATING will NOT** be available to spectators in Murdock. Family members are encouraged to sit together. **Elementary age students will sit with their parent or supervising adult or should not attend.**

**Concession Stand/Water Fountains/Restrooms –** The concession stand will be available for spectators. No seating will be set up in the commons. Water Fountains will be turned off, but the bottle fill faucets will operate. The restrooms will be available for use with CDC guidelines posted in accessible areas.

**Pregame/Postgame Team Interaction –** Team and coach interactions will adhere to physical distancing guidelines. Handshakes are prohibited per NSAA and NFHS rules.

**NSAA VB Approved Rulings and Protocols –**

1. Matches cancelled due to COVID-19 will be considered a “no contest”. No wild card points or forfeits will be designated.
2. Replacement matches (not originally scheduled) may be scheduled at any time.
3. Face coverings are permissible for all persons in attendance.
4. Officials are permitted to use electronic whistles.
5. No bench switching between matches is permissible.

**STRIV –** All home E-M VB contests will be broadcasted via STRIV. Persons meeting the at-risk criteria will be encouraged to stay home and view the contests via STRIV.

**COVID-19 Risk Statements –** Statements will be posted in the entrance of the commons and at the ticket gate advising of the risks upon entering the facility.