

OIL CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Spectator Attendance Guidelines at Home Athletic Events
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The Oil City Area School District (“OCASD”), in cooperation with its student-athletes and their parents/guardians, looks to continue its safe and successful athletic programs. Under the current guidelines, a limited number of spectators are permitted to attend events and must follow all applicable health and safety directives as issued by Governor Wolf, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The following guidelines and spectator rules, regulations and expectations are subject to change at any time at the discretion of OCASD.

OCASD will amend the various maximum capacity limits to align with the maximum capacity limits as they are ordered by the PA Governor or the PA Secretary of Health.

OCASD will continue to livestream events for the Oil City community and for opposing teams’ fans in effort to provide an alternative to in-person attendance.

Current Venue Guidelines

Outdoor Facilities

OCHS Stadium

The occupancy of the OCHS Stadium is 4800. Maximum capacity limit must include players, coaches, essential personnel, officials and spectators.

Baseball, Softball, Cross Country, Tennis

Masks are required when not stationary. Social distancing is required (except family members).

Indoor Facilities

OCHS Gymnasium

The occupancy of the OCHS gymnasium is 1580. Maximum capacity limit must include players, coaches, essential personnel, officials and spectators. Masks will be required at all times. Social distancing (except family members) will be required by all in attendance. Team members may spread out in the bench area to maintain social distance. Visiting spectators will use the bleacher section behind the team bench and the one section opposite the team bench. They will use the entrance closest to their seating area (for example, loading dock entrance for girls’ basketball and gym lobby for boys’ basketball) and use the bathrooms closest to their seating area. Home spectators will use the bleacher section behind the team bench, the section behind the scorer’s table and the two sections opposite the scorer’s table and the team bench. They will use the entrance closest to their seating area (for example, gym lobby for girls’ basketball and loading dock for boys’ basketball) and use the bathrooms closest to their seating area. Locker rooms will be available for both teams to use.

OCMS Gymnasium

The occupancy of the OCMS gymnasium is 976. Maximum capacity limit must include players, coaches, essential personnel, officials and spectators. Masks will be required at all times. Social distancing will be required by all in attendance. Team members may spread out in the bench area to maintain social distance. At this time, visiting spectators are not permitted in the middle school gym. Home spectators will sit in the bleachers opposite the home team bench/scorer's table. Separate entrances will be used for athletes (bus entrance area) and spectators (main lobby entrance). Locker rooms will be available for team use.

OCHS Natatorium

The occupancy of the OCHS Natatorium allows for 201 people in the bleacher area and 187 on the pool deck. This allows entrance of 10%, or 20 in the bleacher area and 18 on the pool deck (including swimmers, coaches, essential personnel, and officials). A grand total of 38 individuals is permitted in the Natatorium at one time. No spectators will be permitted. Locker rooms will be available for team use.

OCHS Weight Room/Batting Cages

The occupancy of the OCHS weight room and batting cages is 49. Maximum capacity limit must include players and coaches. Masks will be required by any person in attendance. Social distancing will be required to the best extent possible by all in attendance (spotters will obviously not be socially distanced).

OCHS Wrestling Room

The occupancy of the OCHS wrestling room is 49. Maximum capacity limit must include players and coaches. Masks will be required by any person in attendance. Social distancing will be required to the best extent possible by all in attendance.

OCHS Auditorium

The occupancy of the OCHS auditorium is 1173. Maximum capacity limit must include players, coaches, essential personnel, officials and spectators. Masks will be required at all times since it is an indoor facility. Social distancing (except family members) will be required by all in attendance.

OCHS Cafeteria

The occupancy of the OCHS cafeteria is 255. Masks will be required at all times. Social distancing (except family members) will be required by all in attendance. Two entrances are available for use (both of the entrances on each end of the cafeteria).

OCMS Cafeteria

The occupancy of the OCMS cafeteria is 210. Masks will be required at all times. Social distancing (except family members) will be required by all in attendance. Two entrances are available for use (the entrance at the bus area and the main lobby area).

The following shall be applicable to all OCASD venues:

1. Athletic events schedules will be shared with maintenance and custodial crews to clean appropriately. Crews will be assigned to the specified areas (i.e. HS gym, pool, MS gym, locker rooms, etc.) prior to school the next day.
2. Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned on a routine basis throughout each scheduled sporting event.
3. The athletic administration and security personnel shall enforce these guidelines.
4. Separate restrooms shall be used by visiting and home fans (where both are attending) and signage will be clear about restroom capacities and social distancing requirements.
5. Hand sanitizer/hygiene stations will be at each entrance/exit to each facility.
6. No concessions will be made available at any event.
7. Barriers for visiting spectators will be evident at the stadium and HS gym. Signage will be used to direct spectators to the appropriate area.
8. Copies of our spectator plan will be shared with each visiting Athletic Director and announcements will be made prior to the start of each event.
9. Visiting spectators will be permitted into the facility 15 minutes prior to the start of the event.
10. Home spectators will be permitted into the facility 25 minutes prior to the event.
11. In venues where spectators will be permitted, OCASD will issue up to a maximum of 2 (two) tickets per student-athlete to each visiting school, provided that the total number of tickets issued to OCASD participants does not exceed the limits set forth above.
12. In venues where spectators will be permitted, OCASD will issue up to a maximum of 10 (ten) tickets to each OCASD participant in the athletic contest (players, cheerleaders and/or band members), provided that the total number of spectators does not exceed the limits of the venue set for above.

Spectator Rules, Regulations, & Expectations

1. Spectators at all OCASD home contest venues will also be required to follow Pennsylvania's Universal Face Coverings Order, which states that face covering must be worn in all indoor venues and face coverings must be worn in outdoor venues where individuals cannot consistently maintain six feet of physical distancing. Members of the same household are not required to physically distance from each other.
2. Each spectator, through his or her attendance at an OCASD home athletic contest, certifies that:
 - a. He/she has completed a self-screening and that they have had no signs or symptoms that would indicate they are at risk of COVID-19 free of COVID-19 symptoms (Free from fever over 100.4, sore throat accompanied by persistent pain, new uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain or new onset of severe headache with a fever)
 - b. He/she has not had close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
 - c. He/she has not traveled to an area of high transmission as defined by the PA Department of Health in the last 14 days;
3. Spectators shall comply with the current guidelines for each athletic venue set forth above, and comply with all written and/or oral directives given by OCASD personnel at the event venue.
4. Failure to comply with the OCASD Spectator Attendance Rules, Regulations and Expectations may result in spectators being declined admission or being asked to leave the event venue.

5. All spectators will sign-in to the event with name and phone number for potential contact tracing. Attendees would be asked to contact the OCASD with a positive test result.
6. Spectators choosing to attend an OCASD home athletic event, by their attendance, consent to and agree to be bound by the following Statement of Implied Consent, which statement shall be posted prominently at the entrance(s) to each facility.

STATEMENT OF IMPLIED CONSENT

By choosing to attend an OCASD home athletic event, you hereby consent and agree to be bound by the following:

Spectators attending OCASD home athletic events acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and that the CDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing.

Spectators further acknowledge that OCASD cannot guarantee that spectators will not become infected with COVID-19 at an OCASD home athletic event. Spectators understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of the spectator and others, including, but not limited to, event staff, and other spectators and their families.

Through the spectator's attendance at an OCASD home athletic contest, the spectator acknowledges that he/she is increasing his/her risk of exposure to COVID-19. The spectator acknowledges that he/she must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while attending the OCASD home athletic contest.

The spectator hereby releases and agrees to hold OCASD harmless from, and waive on behalf of the spectator, their heirs, and any personal representatives any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for damage or loss to the spectator and/or property that may be caused by any act, or failure to act of OCASD, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection to my attendance at an OCASD home athletic contest. The spectator understands that this release discharges OCASD from any liability or claim that the spectator, his/her heirs, or any personal representatives may have against the OCASD with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to, any attendance at an OCASD home athletic event. This liability waiver and release extends to OCASD, together with its board of school directors, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives.