



BCIAA

**BERKS COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

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FALL 2020 SEASON

In accordance with the Governor's order on spectators at PIAA athletic events issued on June 10th and updated September 2, 2020, along with the potential passing of HB 2787 and other changes to spectator restrictions, the BCIAA General Membership has approved the following guidelines and procedures for all league-member schools.

As long as the Governor's order is in effect, indoor activities that are limited to 25 people and outdoor activities that are limited to 250 people will use the following procedures to help manage the number of people in attendance:

- No spectators at volleyball matches, modified team personnel in the gym at one time.
- No visitor bands, cheerleaders or spectators at football games – home bands, cheerleaders and limited home spectators only.
- For soccer and field hockey contests, the home school will be able to have up to 170 people in attendance, the visitor will have up to 80 people in attendance. These attendance limits include athletes, coaches, officials, game help/management and media personnel.
- For football, soccer and field hockey, schools will utilize ticket vouchers and only those with a ticket voucher will be permitted and expected to purchase a ticket to enter the facility. No tickets will be sold at the gate without a ticket voucher.**
- No passes will be accepted at any Fall contests.
- Press/media must be pre-approved by the host school if they plan on attending.

If HB 2787 becomes law, and/or there are additional changes to the spectator limits set by the state or the PIAA which will give each individual school the ability to determine the number of people that can safely be in attendance at events they host, then the following procedures will be put in place to help manage the number of people in attendance:

- For football, soccer, field hockey and volleyball: a minimum of 1 ticket voucher will be provided to each visiting athlete. Any remaining ticket voucher availability will be determined by the host school and they will decide how the additional ticket vouchers are distributed. Visiting schools can decide how they want to distribute their ticket voucher allotment between parents, bands and/or cheerleaders.
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For all Cross Country and Tennis matches, spectators are asked to social distance from all other spectators, as well as from the teams. Spectators should only attend for the race or match that their child is participating in and then leave the school premise as soon as it is completed.

For all outdoor Junior High events, the BCIAA asks that no more than two (2) parents/family members attends any given contest. Most outdoor Junior High facilities are in open spaces where parents can socially distance themselves from other families. Any member school who has a facility that will need to further limit attendance at a Junior High competition will notify their opponents in advance of those restrictions and procedures.

The BCIAA asks that everyone please follow the PIAA Guidelines established for spectators, including socially distancing and the use of masks. The BCIAA website (www.bciaa.org) contains more information on the Fall season, COVID-19 precautions as well as information on how each member school plans on live streaming their events this Fall. Spectator restrictions for BCIAA playoffs will be determined in mid-October and communicated before the start of BCIAA playoffs.

Thank you for your cooperation to make this the best season possible for our student-athletes.

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