

Carson High School Athletics

Spring 2021

Spectator Protocols, Procedures, & Policies

during Covid-19 Pandemic

Mission & Priorities:

Our number one goal as Fall Sports roll out is to assist our sports programs at Carson High, and the participants in them, to return to competition safely. This will be done following the protocols and guidelines of the NIAA and as needed aligned with the Northern 5A Region schools. Ultimately, we are all guided by the directives of the Governor of Nevada, and the CDC to hold athletic contests, events, and practices for NIAA sanctioned sports.

There will be an established priority of stakeholders for the holding of athletic competitions and athletic events at CHS. The following list of stakeholders and their priority will help guide decision making for holding events at CHS as it may be needed or desired by the CHS administration in guiding the sports season.

1. Student-Athletes & their Athletic Dept/CCSD approved Coaches
2. Athletic Support groups of Cheer, then Band, then ROTC Color Guard.
 - a. This hierarchy is based on Cheer being an NIAA sanctioned sport, Band & ROTC Color Guard are co-curricular activities and do not fall under NIAA sanctioned sports or activities that the NIAA governs.
3. Senior Parents of athletes and support groups.
4. Parents, Guardians, Family, of all athletes.
5. The general student body
6. Spouses, family of Coaches
7. The general community

General Information:

As of March 1, gathering limits set by the State of Nevada increase to 100. On March 15, gathering limits increased to 250.

After Fall Sports are over, and Spring Sports start, the CHS principal and administration will reevaluate this current plan to fit the specific needs of Spring sports and improve or adjust this current plan to meet the needs of our stakeholders.

On May 1, Governor Sisolak may be turning over state control of gathering limits and decisions from state control to local control. This may further impact our current policy for this spring semester.

*Athletes, Coaches, Game Workers, Administrators, and Officials do not count against the gathering limit. This includes Cheer.

*Band and ROTC Color Guard count against the gathering limit. In addition, all spectators entering with a ticket to the contest count against the gathering limit.

*Officially approved media personnel do not count against the gathering limit but must socially distance and wear a mask at all times.

*Only those with a ticket for admittance will be allowed entry to a contest.

*Gate workers will count and document all entries that come into that contest. All spectators will be required to sign-in for their health screen to gain admittance on our CHS Athletics Health Screen Form.

*Football players and coaches will be tested weekly per NIAA guidelines as a contact sport or if they become symptomatic. No other sports this spring will require testing unless a participant is symptomatic.

Important Dates:

Starting March 1, spectator capacity at athletic contest venues will increase to 100, with the exception of tennis matches. The total number of spectators allowed at a tennis match will be dependent on the total number of socially distanced spots that can be properly marked at that specific venue at Carson High.

The coaches of the sports of Girls Golf and Cross Country will monitor their own venues, follow NIAA guidelines, and ask parents or spectators at their event to mask and social distance in areas that athletes and coaches would congregate.

Starting March 15, spectator capacity at athletic contest venues will increase to 250, with the exception of tennis matches. The total number of spectators allowed at a tennis match will be dependent on the total number of socially distanced spots that can be properly marked at that specific venue at Carson High.

The coaches of the sports of Girls Golf and Cross Country will continue to monitor their own venues, follow NIAA guidelines, and ask parents or spectators at their event to mask and social distance in areas that athletes and coaches would congregate.

Key Policies & Information:

1. Each qualifying participant will be given two tickets one day prior to their contest to distribute to parents, family, guardians, or close friends of their choice. A ticket will be the only way to enter an athletic contest that it is assigned to. This process will ensure that CHS Athletics can maintain spectator capacity under the gathering limits described above.
2. Contests in the gym and stadium will be broadcast via the NFHS Network live and can be watched later On Demand. A month subscription is \$10.99 and it is advised those who subscribe wait until the day of the first contest they view to get maximum benefit out of the subscription. If the season runs more than one month, a second month will need to be purchased. One year subscriptions for \$69.99 can also be purchased.
 - a. This information will be widely publicized so that the general community and supporters, other family, friends of athletes can view contests they are involved in. Contests for tennis, cross country, and girls golf will not be broadcast at this time.
3. All participants in all NIAA sanctioned events (athletes, coaches, game workers, administrators, and officials) will be health screened prior to all contests. Each Head Coach of each sport is expected to fully implement and execute the NIAA guidelines for their sport that have been provided by the NIAA.
4. Masks will be required to be worn at all times by all spectators at indoor and outdoor events on the CHS campus. Social distancing of all spectators and school personnel will be in effect for the entire duration of each contest.
5. All spectators who have a proper ticket to gain admittance to an athletic contest shall be health screened prior to entrance by game workers. No exchange of money will take place this season, all entrance is FREE.
6. Spectators will also be given a brief and clear explanation of the Covid policies and spectator policies of an athletic event at Carson High this spring. Spectators will be required to fully cooperate 100% with all policies.
7. Spectators will be socially distanced according to NIAA guidelines based on CDC guidance. Marked spots for seating (not to exceed the gathering limits of 100 and then 250) will be marked. Spectators of the same household may sit together.
8. Spectators must remain in their seat during the contest unless to go to the restroom, and are expected to return to their seat after. There will be no re-entry to the contest if a spectator leaves.
9. There will be no snack bar or concessions offered this spring at contests. There will be no food or drink allowed in the gym other than bottled water, which will be provided for \$1 during contests. They

can be purchased at the point of entry. We discourage the eating of food or drinking beverages during contests, other than bottled water, to avoid the removal of masks during the contest.

10. Proper disinfecting and cleaning will be done in accordance with NIAA and CDC guidelines at each venue.
11. Once contests have concluded spectators should leave the premises immediately and wait for their child at their vehicle. No congregating of parents or spectators after contests. Athletes will be released to their parents in the parking lot to get a ride home.
12. Senior Nights or Senior Recognition at a contest are allowed, however, the traditional Senior Night Ceremonies will be altered to include social distancing of athletes and their family members from others including other families, coaches, and other athletes.

Plan for Spectators at Football Games

March 18 JV game:

JV Cheer members will receive two tickets to the JV game for their parents or guests. No other guests will be allowed for this game.

March 19 Varsity game:

Band and Varsity Cheer members will receive two tickets to the Varsity game for their parents or guests. This game will serve as Cheer and Band Senior Night and their guests will have priority. Varsity football senior athletes will receive two tickets only if there is enough room under the cap limit of 250 to allow for their guests. No other guests will be allowed for this game.

April 1 JV game:

JV Football athletes will receive two tickets to the JV game for their parents or guests. No other guests will be allowed for this game.

April 2nd Varsity game:

All Varsity Football athletes will receive two tickets to the Varsity game for their parents or guests. This game will serve as Varsity Football Senior Night and their guests will have priority. ROTC Color Guard Members then Senior Cheer members then Senior Band members, in that order of priority, will receive two tickets only if there is enough room under the cap limit of 250 to allow for their guests. This priority of admittance is based on the priorities explained above. No other guests will be allowed for this game.

Football Game Plan cont....

***If there is a covid outbreak and the game is cancelled, there will not be an opportunity to change this plan for football games because of the strict cap limits. We are trying to provide spectators opportunities based on equity as best as possible; we cannot control the cancellation of a game because of Covid-19 reasons.**

Contest Protocols for specific venues at CHS:

Indoors in Morse Burley Gym:

Volleyball:

- Gathering limit 250
- Athletes in the bench area socially distanced following the protocols of the NIAA for their sport; the stands on the bench side will remain up to allow room for this purpose.

- The north stands in the gym will be pulled down for spectators; the stands in the mezzanine will be utilized if needed.
- Spots in the stands clearly marked for seating for individuals or families of the same household.
- Game workers and security will work to seat spectators properly and help maintain the spacing during the contest. Also, maintaining adherence to mask wearing at events indoors and outdoors, as well as all other spectator policies.
- Spectators will be asked to remain in their marked seating area.
- Spectators may leave their seats to use the restroom in the north foyer. They are required to return to their seat in a timely manner.
- Spectators may leave their seats to purchase bottled water at the point of entry for \$1 per bottle.
- Spectators that leave their seats for any reason are expected to return in a timely manner. There will be no congregating of spectators during contests in the North Foyer.
- Media covering the contest must remain socially distanced and masked at all times. Media should exit the premises in a timely manner and conduct all interviews socially distanced.
- All spectators will be expected to exit the venue directly after the contest. There will be no congregating in the gym after the contest is over.
- There will be no re-entry if a spectator leaves during the contest.

Outdoors events not held at Carson High: Boys & Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf

- Cross Country meet venues will be impossible to enforce spectators and limits on the course and areas those meets are held.
 - Coaches will follow the NIAA protocols for Cross Country meets and will ask parents to remain socially distant at all times and mask when social distancing is not maintained.
 - Health screening of parents at these venues will be logistically impossible, and all spectators will be asked to remain socially distant from participants and other spectators during the event in areas the team congregates or near the finish line.
- Golf matches involve no parent spectators on the course, and any parents or spectators at the venue must follow the rules and policies of each golf course in respect to that course as a business entity.
 - Coaches and athletes will follow the NIAA protocols for the sport of golf. Parents at the venue will be asked to remain socially distant at all times and mask when social distancing is not maintained.
 - Health screening of parents at these venues is the responsibility of each golf course as a business entity, and all spectators will be asked to remain socially distant from participants and other spectators during the event.

Outdoors events held at Carson High's Athletic Facility: Boys and Girls Tennis, Boys & Girls Soccer, Football

Boys & Girls Tennis:

- The spectator capacity of our tennis courts, when social distancing is accounted for is far fewer than the 100 or 250 gathering limit caps. Spectators typically stand or sit in their own chair during a match. Each spot around the courts for this purpose will be marked. Spots must be properly spaced from the courts and away from athletes.
- Because of the limited nature of the available space for spectators at the courts, coaches will determine an equitable distribution of tickets for their athletes (2 per athlete per contest) that fits the venue size and the size of the roster. If decisions are made on who can attend, the priority list is used.
- All spectators will enter the premises and be health screened at the ticket booths at the North end of the stadium before entering the facility. No entrance from the school or from the south gate is allowed.
- Bottled water will be available for \$1 per bottle at the match.

- Spectators that leave their marked area at the court for any reason are expected to return in a timely manner. There will be no congregating of spectators around or near the tennis courts.
- Officially approved Media personnel do not count against the cap but must maintain social distance and wear masks when covering an event in this venue.
- All spectators will be expected to exit the venue directly after the contest. There will be no congregating at the venue after the contest is over.
- Media covering the contest must remain socially distanced and masked at all times. Media should exit the premises in a timely manner and conduct all interviews socially distanced.
- There will be no re-entry if a spectator leaves during the contest.

Boys & Girls Soccer:

- Gathering limit 250
- Media personnel that attend do not count against the cap but must be socially distanced and wear a mask at all times at the venue.
- Media personnel for soccer matches will be provided one of the open booths in the pressbox.
- Media covering the contest must remain socially distanced and masked at all times. Media should exit the premises in a timely manner and conduct all interviews socially distanced.
- Athletes in the bench area socially distanced following the protocols of the NIAA for their sport.
- Game workers and security will work to seat spectators properly and help maintain the spacing during the contest. Also, asking any spectators to keep masks on during the event and adhere to the current spectator policies.
- Spectators will be asked to remain in their marked seats.
- Spectators may leave their seats to use the restrooms at the snack bar or portable toilets behind the stands.
- Spectators may leave their seats to purchase bottled water at the point of entry for \$1 per bottle.
- Spectators that leave their seats for any reason are expected to return in a timely manner. There will be no congregating of spectators along the fences or lawn areas of the venue during contests.
- All spectators will be expected to exit the venue directly after the contest. There will be no congregating behind the stands after the contest is over.
- There will be no re-entry if a spectator leaves during the contest.

Football:

- Gathering limit 250
- Media personnel that attend do not count against the cap but must be socially distanced and wear a mask at all times at the venue.
- Media personnel for football games will cover the contest from the sideline. They must maintain social distance at all times from officials, coaches, and athletes. They must wear a mask at all times.
- Media covering the contest must remain socially distanced and masked at all times. Media should exit the premises in a timely manner and conduct all interviews socially distanced.
- Athletes in the bench area socially distanced following the protocols of the NIAA for their sport.
- Game workers and security will work to seat spectators properly and help maintain the spacing during the contest. Also, asking any spectators to keep masks on during the event and adhere to the current spectator policies.
- Spectators will be asked to remain in their marked seats.
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- Spectators that leave their seats for any reason are expected to return in a timely manner. There will be no congregating of spectators along the fences or lawn areas of the venue during contests.

- All spectators will be expected to exit the venue directly after the contest. There will be no congregating behind the stands after the contest is over.
- There will be no re-entry if a spectator leaves during the contest.

Game Manager, Athletic Director, or Administrators Duties

1. Normal duties at athletic contests should be carried out.
2. Enforcement of spectator policies should be carried out.
3. Any spectator who refuses to cooperate with current policies will be asked to leave the contest and the school property.
4. Game managers must health screen officials for Volleyball, Football, and Soccer contests immediately upon their arrival (see directions below).
5. Game managers must check-in with the opposing coach and ask if all athletes and coaches have been health screened prior to arriving at CHS.
6. We do not need proof of visiting team health screens; verbal verification is all we need. If an outbreak occurred that coach/school will be responsible if they did not do the health screen. Health screenings of visiting teams is the responsibility of that school.
7. All game workers, security, and admin will assist in eliminating the congregating of spectators after contests. Spectators will be required to leave the contest after the completion of the contest.

Specific Instructions for Health Screenings of Officials, Game Workers, and Media at CHS:

Volleyball:

Upon the arrival of an official, they should check in at the point of entry with our gate worker personnel or game manager.

The game manager should be present or summoned to health screen each official of each contest who comes to the game.

Document their health screen on a separate screening form designated for officials and game workers for each contest.

Health screen each game worker at the point of entry as they arrive for their duties of each contest. Do the same for all administrators, including the athletic director, when they are present for that contest if admin coverage is required. Document this information on the Game Worker/Officials health screen form, as well. Official Media should be health screened at the point of entry before entering the venue and their screen documented on the same form as game workers and officials.

Soccer:

Upon the arrival of an official, they should check in at the point of entry (ticket booths) with our gate worker personnel or game manager.

The game manager should be present or summoned to health screen each official of each contest who comes to the game.

Document their health screen on a separate screening form designated for officials and game workers for each contest.

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Provide the normal area we have in the past for soccer officials for their staging area on the north end of the field for games. We can provide the restroom in the back of the snack bar for them as a separate restroom.

Football:

Upon the arrival of an official, they should check in at the point of entry (ticket booths) with our gate worker personnel or game manager.

The game manager should be present or summoned to health screen each official of each contest who comes to the game.

They will be escorted and let in to change in the normal official's area in Boys PE. If they come to the contest ready to officiate, they may wait on the field or in the Boys PE office with the other officials.

At half time, their staging area will be behind the snack bar and the restroom in the back of the snack bar will be made available to them. We will provide hydration and snacks at halftime for them.

After the game, officials will be escorted back to the Boys PE office to dress and leave the contest. They may exit the school through the North Foyer. They must enter the contest at the ticket booths for health screens. We will provide hydration and snacks after the game in the Boys PE office for them.

Finally, Harold's custodian should clean and disinfect the Boys PE office that night after officials leave or first thing on Monday morning.

Document their health screen on a separate screening form designated for officials and game workers for each contest.

Health Screenings of Officials, Game Workers, and Media for Football cont...

Health screen each game worker at the point of entry as they arrive for their duties of each contest. Do the same for all administrators, including the athletic director, when they are present for that contest if admin coverage is required. Document this information on the Game Worker/Officials health screen form.

Game workers for football include the chain gang volunteers. They must be health screened at the point of entry.

Official Media should be health screened at the point of entry before entering the venue and their screen documented on the same form as game workers and officials.