



NEW RICHMOND SCHOOLS EVENT INFORMATION

The New Richmond Exempted Village School District Athletic Department values the importance of extracurricular activities as well as personal health and the overall well being of our students and our community.

The information shared within this document details the guidelines the district will adhere to for athletic events throughout the rest of 2020. The information is based on orders and requirements established by the Southern Buckeye Athletic/Academic Conference, Ohio High School Athletic Association, Governor Mike DeWine's office, and the Ohio Department of Health. Adherence to these requirements is critical if the district wishes to continue offering students the opportunity to participate in the fall sports season. Failure to meet the requirements/guidelines can have serious consequences including athletics being shut down and forfeiture of contests.

Pre-Participation Screening

We have developed and implemented a daily pre-participation screening for all student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, and other school personnel, in consultation with local health department authorities. These include:

- Daily Temperature screen
- Daily Self-Wellness Symptoms assessment

Athletic Teams and School Personnel

Prior to boarding the team travel bus(es), van(s), any form of school transportation, each individual student-athlete and staff member will be verbally screened by a staff member (usually a coach) and temperature taken with appropriate action taken as necessary. Each athlete's temperature will be taken prior to departure and upon arrival.

If there is a potential or identified risk from screening, each member school will follow the plan set by local public health officials. Opposing teams on competition day will be notified of potential risk observed through screening to determine team competition status.

Each case will be handled individually based on the adopted action plan by that school and preferably in consultation with the team physician or appropriate health care provider.

Competition Officials/Referees

- Accepted Temperature less than 100 F.
- Self-Screening must be performed and reported to the administrator/designee prior to travel to the competition venue.
- Officials are requested to arrive dressed and ready for the game.
- Officials are not permitted in locker rooms to get ready or after the game.

Upon arrival at the event venue, prior to entering school or competition facility, temperature must be assessed. If gameday official(s)/referee(s) report an abnormal screen, a site administrator and the OHSAA Senior Director of Officiating shall be notified, and a response plan will be determined in consultation with the host site administrator.

Mandatory for Spectators:

- Spectators must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home. Symptoms include (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell).
- Masks must be worn at all times by all spectators, ages 10 and up, unless actively eating or drinking. Individuals must be seated in their group while actively eating or drinking. Exceptions to this rule will only be for one of the reasons stated in the Director's Order for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio. Spectators requesting an exception must provide printed medical documentation upon arriving on campus (Director's orders <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf>)
- Attendance will be limited and individuals are required to remain seated in their family group.
- There must be 6 feet between different family groups, and alternating rows.
- Hand sanitizers will be at all entrances and exits.
- No food or drink will be allowed to be brought into our venues.
- The mandate of 15% seating capacity does not include game personnel.

Game Day Event Staff

- Accepted temperature less than 100.
- Self-wellness check screening must be performed and reported to the host site administrator prior to travel to the competition venue.
- Upon arrival at the event venue, prior to entering the competition facility, temperature must be assessed.
- If a game day event staff member reports an abnormal screen, the site administrator will determine an appropriate response plan with consultation of the host site administrator if necessary/appropriate.

Local and State Health Officials and OHSAA medical advisors are being consulted for determination of school protocol for failed screening and confirmed positive COVID-19 test.

Plans will be updated to reflect the guidance received from Health Officials and OHSAA guidance.

Game Day Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks/face coverings must be worn when traveling to and from transportation vehicles and designated team facilities.
- Masks/face coverings must be worn while in transit.
- Masks/face coverings must be worn when entering host facilities, including host team Athletic Training Room, and on the field of play during any pre warm-up walkthrough which does not require increased demand on the student-athletes' cardiorespiratory system (i.e. pre-game walking of the field in football).
- Masks/face coverings must be worn by student-athletes while on the sidelines/benches and not actively engaged in competition "field of play."
- Masks must not be shared.
- Officials/referees must utilize masks/face coverings as long as this will not directly impede the effective completion of their duties and responsibilities.
- Coaches and game day personnel (Sports Medicine staff, SID's, media, film crews, ball crews, etc.) must always utilize masks/face coverings.

Ticket Allotments (Tickets are for family and household members only for any spectators from kindergarten on up - younger children do not require a ticket)

- HS Volleyball, JV Football & Soccer - Maximum of four tickets per athlete are allowed for home and away contests. The maximum number of tickets may be reduced based upon venue capacity. Admittance will be subject to change and left up to the host school.
- Varsity Football - The home team will receive 75% of the allowable tickets. We will disperse the tickets to the family members of the football team, cheerleaders, and band members. These tickets will be presale only and will be sold at a designated time during the week. For away games, we are allowed 25% of the tickets and those tickets will be available for presale to our football players and cheerleaders. There will be no passes or tickets sold at the gates. Only those arriving with a presale ticket in hand will be admitted to the game.
- MS football, soccer - Maximum of four tickets per athlete are allowed for home and away contests. The maximum number of tickets may be reduced based upon venue capacity. Regardless of age, a ticket is required for admittance. Admittance will be subject to change and left up to the host school.
- MS Volleyball - Maximum of two tickets per athlete are allowed for home and away contests. The maximum number of tickets may be reduced based upon venue capacity.

THERE WILL BE NO SEASON PASSES, SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES, OR STAFF PASSES AND TICKETS THIS YEAR!!

Sidelines and Benches

- Each sideline/bench will be furnished with enough hand sanitizing stations to satisfy the needs of sideline/bench capacity.

- Teams must not share water bottles throughout the course of competition – each member school is responsible for providing a plan for individualized hydration supplies for their student-athletes on competition days. NRHS will supply water coolers and water to the visiting team.
- Only Sports Medicine staff or designated gameday managers will be allowed to access and utilize water coolers. Water coolers will be sanitized prior to being provided to visiting teams and are encouraged to be sanitized frequently during use.
- All benches will be wiped down using proper CDC-approved cleaning agents before and after competition.
- Wipe down bench spaces as frequently as possible throughout competition. NRHS will provide cleaning supplies needed.
- Towels will not be provided by the host site. If student-athletes prefer the utilization of a towel during competition, they must provide their own towel and should not share their towel with other members of their team.
- Used towels must be placed immediately in an open bin container to avoid cross contamination.
- Sideline personnel will be limited to participating athletes, coaches, medical staff and game day staff; however, anyone on the sidelines or involved with the contest must adhere to these guidelines.
- When possible, benches and sidelines will provide adequate seating to allot for individualized seating for all student-athletes and members of the coaching staff for each team to allow for appropriate physical distancing when not on the field. Masks must be worn when physical distancing is not possible.
- Member schools must consider their safe and necessary sideline and bench capacity and determine enough home active roster numbers accordingly.

Game Day Venue Restrictions

Direct physical interaction with and sharing of equipment with fellow cheerleaders and/or mascots, including those from the opposing team(s), and fans is prohibited. Cheerleaders and mascots and all auxiliary personnel must always practice physical distancing when possible and will also wear a facemask/covering as much as possible and when appropriate.

Press Box

- Press Box access will be limited to essential game personnel and limited media.
- Workers and media must wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing.
- No food will be allowed in the press box.

Athletic Training Room

- Student-athletes must wear a face mask/covering at all times while in the host site athletic training facility.
- Host site athletic training room is not available for visiting team pregame and postgame treatments.
- If team is not traveling with an Athletic Trainer:
 - Be considerate of additional contact that will be required and provided by the host site.

- Complete all taping/bracing at home if possible.
- Host site ATC must be contacted prior to trip, and a plan should be formulated on space and procedures for completing any taping and abiding by appropriate hand washing/sanitation activities upon entry and exit and any time they have come in contact with something possibly contaminated.
- A Limited number of occupants will be permitted in the athletic training room at any given time to maintain appropriate physical distancing. This information is posted outside the room, monitored and limits enforced.
- A designated waiting area outside of the athletic training room is marked with appropriate physical distancing.
- If treatment or rehabilitation of a student-athlete requires use of a taping table or an exam table, the table must be protected and disinfected after each time it is used, regardless of physical barrier used.
- Consider, weather permitting, taping be performed in an outside environment.
- Commonly touched services including ice machines, door handles and other shared equipment must be routinely disinfected at the beginning of the day, throughout the day as use dictates and at the end of the day.
- Efforts must be made to utilize premade ice bags that can be picked up individualized by the student-athletes that need them to avoid multiple contact with the ice machine and ice scooper. Bags should be left in an open cooler, if possible, to avoid lid/handle contamination.
- The use of cold tubs must be limited to one individual at a time. Cold tubs must be drained, cleansed and disinfected between individual use at the beginning and end of every day.

Locker Rooms

Locker Rooms must be cleaned and sanitized prior to the students and any visiting team's arrival and use of the facility. We would prefer teams to arrive ready to play. Any team needing a locker room should communicate with Doug Foote at foote_d@nrschools.org at least 48 hours prior to the event.

Live Streaming of games

- Varsity Football games will be live-streamed on the NRHS Football Facebook Page @newrichmondionsfootball
- We are still exploring the possibility of live streaming some of our other home contests. We will provide updates as we have new information.

These plans are all subject to change and likely will change as we navigate through this Fall. We will try very hard to keep you updated as we go along.