

2020 PLATTEVILLE FALL SPORTS OPERATION AGREEMENTS

Platteville is devoted to providing a safe and meaningful experience for student-athletes. All of the schools competing in the Southwest Wisconsin Conference this fall recognize that to achieve a safe playing environment for student-athletes, a series of safety measures must be implemented that will limit elements of the experience for spectators, students, community, and school-based groups that otherwise shared in the game day experience along with student-athletes. **Please be reminded that our focus for these activities is for the participation and opportunities for our students.** Such measures are designed to support student-athletes' ability to safely play their sport season in good health.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- These agreements will be supported and implemented by Platteville, the Southwest Wisconsin Conference, and any non-conference opponents.
- The focus is on supporting student-athletes to safely play their sport season in good health
- The health and safety of staff and student-athletes will be the priority.
- Participation of spectators, students, traditional school spirit and support groups will be limited.
- Covid 19 Protocol will be strictly enforced.

GENERAL AGREEMENTS:

- WIAA fall season adjusted schedules will be implemented.
- The WIAA will determine the possibility of postseason opportunities.
- Sport specific guidelines provided by the WIAA within their [Return to Fall Sports Considerations](#) document will be utilized.
- **Cloth face coverings will be worn by all athletes during both practice and competition when social distancing can not be guaranteed. (Football Players must wear masks - WIAA Rule. In Football "Gators" are not allowed for players.) All coaches, managers, and team members on the bench/sideline will wear cloth face coverings at all times.**

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

We will be following the WIAA guidelines on Tier's of spectators.

1. Tier 1 (Essential): Athletes, coaches, officials, event staff, medical staff, security
2. Tier 2 (Preferred): Media
3. Tier 3 (Non-essential): Spectators, vendors

At this time, we will be allowing Tier 1, 2 & 3 with the following parameters:

*the status of which tier grouping is allowed may change at any-time.

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- SWC Season Passes (yellow) will be utilized for admission to all events. The passes cover admission through the fall sports regular season. The sport, student athlete, and level of competition will be displayed on the reverse side of the pass.
- The activities of football, cross country, soccer, volleyball, football cheer, and band every player/participant will be given **two (2)** passes for the season to use for admission. the two (2) passes are intended for parents/guardians only. If there is a situation existing where a player's family dynamic requires additional passes, a request must be submitted to the activities director.
- SWC Season Passes for each sport will be used for admission. the name of the student athlete, sport, and level will be displayed/written on the back of each ticket. The host school will be responsible to monitor passes for each contest.
- Parents/Guardians who purchase SWC season passes can only attend the game that their child/children are in uniform for.
- Live streaming will be implemented for varsity competition as often as possible
 - Visiting schools live streaming/broadcast is accepted, but must be confirmed in advance.
- **All spectators are required to wear cloth face coverings at events. if a cloth face covering is not worn, a written medical clearance from a doctor must be provided.**
- Some away venues may have tighter restrictions based on layout/set-up and county restrictions.
- Players from the same school, but who play on different levels (freshmen, jv, varsity) are not allowed as spectators at each other's games/contests, unless they are from the visiting team and are utilizing the team transportation back home. When this event occurs, the player/s will be seated directly behind their team bench.
- Radio will be limited to two people per station (home broadcast only) and/or what press box area can support.
- Sport member maximums:
 - varsity football- 60 players
 - varsity volleyball- 20 players
 - varsity boys soccer- 20 players

lower level numbers will be determined by schools

*Platteville will be fielding two levels for football and soccer (1 varsity and 1 jv) and three levels for volleyball (1 varsity, 1 jv, and 1 freshmen)

Spectator Social Distancing

- Spectators are not allowed to stand in the corners of the gym while indoors. Fans must be seated at all times (exception to use restroom, concessions or leaving premise)
- Outside activities are expected to social distance outside of the competition area. see items below outlining these expectations for each venue.
- Spectators will have assigned seating areas and asked to support social distancing
 - Volleyball: seating will be in the old/new gym. Home spectators will be on the north side of the gym and visiting spectators will be on the south side of the gym.
 - Cross-Country: social distancing is expected along all areas of the established race course.
 - Football: Seating is limited and spectators should abide by social distancing expectations.
 - Soccer: all soccer spectators will utilize the east sideline. home spectators will use the south half of the east sideline, while visiting spectators will use the north half of the east sideline. The bleachers will be marked for where spectators can sit. They will be spaced out so social distancing is accomplished. Social distancing marks will be placed on the grass along the east sideline.
- **All spectators (inside & outside venues) will be required to wear a cloth face covering.**

Concessions

- limited to pre-packaged items such as bottled water, chips, candy, etc. concessions will be priced in whole dollar amounts to limit cash handling. exact change will be required.
- no carry-ins
- all concession workers will wear a mask and rubber gloves.

Officials Care

- Officials will utilize the designated officials rooms for football and volleyball.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- Officials will wear cloth face coverings

Visiting Team Care

- Teams will come dressed to play whenever possible.

- Locker rooms and showers will be available to all student-athletes from visiting teams at the conclusion of each contest prior to their departure home.
- Communication between athletic directions regarding the intended use of locker rooms must take place prior to the competition.
- A maximum of 10 student-athletes may use the shower facilities at one time, which will be monitored by the visiting team's coaching staff.

Band/Cheer Team

- Cheer Team: will be spaced out on the track and wear masks at all times.
- Band: will be allowed to perform during half-time only. The band will arrive right before half-time and then be escorted to the field to play. Upon conclusion of their performance they will exit the stadium.
 - o Two (2) passes will be available for parents of band members to arrive at the south entrance and watch the performance from the south end-zone. Parents of band members will also leave upon conclusion of performance.

Game Day Protocol

- No pregame or postgame handshakes
- Volleyball teams will not come together between points
- Social distancing will be followed as much as possible on the sideline and bench areas. Bench seats will be spread out and staggered to allow for social distancing
- Football press boxes are limited to two coaches and one video personel per team

Equipment:

- Each student-athlete at Platteville is responsible for taking all of their clothing and equipment home for cleaning on a daily basis or following their coach's guidelines.
- This includes practice gear, school issued uniforms, and all equipment (helmets, shoulder pads, hip pads, thigh pads, knee pads, elbow pads, shin guards, etc.)

Daily Locker Room Use:

- Restroom and changing purposes only.
- Showers are not available.
- 10 people maximum at one time.
- 10 minute use intervals will be utilized for practice purposes each day.
- social distancing markers are utilized within each locker room.

Student-Athlete Screenings:

- Each student athlete will be subject to daily symptoms screening prior to practice and/or competition using the established Platteville protocols.

Transportation:

- Transportation will be provided for each “away” athletic contest.
- All riders (students and coaches) are required to wear a cloth face covering for the duration of the ride.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on each bus used.
- Buses will be loaded from the back to the front, and unload front to back. With a limit of 48 people.
- Student-athletes are able to ride home with their parents.

Wednesday Practice:

- Teams are allowed to have practice on Wednesdays after 4:00p.m.
- All normal student-athlete screenings and practice protocols will be utilized.

We find ourselves very fortunate in our ability to offer these wonderful opportunities to our students and their families during this challenging time. As conditions change, so will our protocols in response to COVID 19. We look forward to your ongoing support and collaboration in order to provide a safe and meaningful experience for all.

It's A Great Day To Be Hillmen!

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