



# FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Athletic Office

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Dear Parent and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the current status of interscholastic sports in the Freeport Area School District for students in grades 7-12. At our most recent Freeport Area School District School Board meeting held on September 3, 2020, the Board approved our updated Re-socialization of Athletics/Activities Plan, which can be viewed here:

<https://www.freeport.k12.pa.us/News/373#sthash.eWhAX4Pd.dpbs>. The requirements of this plan must be followed with "strict adherence" in order for the FASD to participate in the WPIAL and PIAA sports season.

Although we feel confident in our plan, high school and middle school athletics is going to look very different this fall. Please understand that our staff is working diligently to provide our athletes with the best possible experience, under the circumstances, this year.

### **Are Spectators permitted to attend athletic contests?**

On September 2, 2020, the Governor's Office and Department of Education released new, relaxed guidelines for permitting spectators at athletic and activities events throughout the Commonwealth. Previously, no spectators were permitted; however, districts are permitted to develop and manage their own plan, within and held to existing CDC and DOH guidelines and mandates, including maintaining attendance below the thresholds of 25 for indoor events and 250 for outdoor events.

**Given the expectation that we adhere to gathering limitations, the district appreciates the cooperation of our entire school community toward ensuring that we can continue to hold these events with even limited spectators. This cooperation includes compliance with the prohibition of standing along fences and adjacent properties or structures to gain access for viewing.**

We are pleased to develop this equitable, sensible plan that now permits at least limited attendance by family members, as well as student participation where previously none could occur. This plan goes into effect the Week of September 7, 2020:

*Spectators are not permitted at upcoming scrimmages scheduled prior to 9/7/20. These scrimmages include VAR Football (9/4) as well as Soccer and Cross Country (9/5)*

### **Varsity Football & Cheerleading**

- Each athlete will be afforded the attendance of 1 family member to home competitions
- All events will be broadcast

### **Boys & Girls Soccer/Cross Country/IV Football/7/8<sup>th</sup> Football**

- Each athlete will be afforded the attendance of 2 family members to home competitions
- All events will be broadcast

### **Varsity/IV Volleyball**

- Given the indoor restrictions at this time only coaches, officials, and participating athletes will be present in the gymnasiums
- All events will be broadcast

### **7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball**

- Given the indoor restrictions at this time only coaches, officials, and participating athletes will be present in the gymnasiums

### **Marching Band**

- Four rehearsal nights in September/October (prescheduled)
- 1 ticket, *per family*, per event
- All marching band performing together and not separated
- Parents get to see their kids perform as a full group without limitation on field

### **For All Attendees – Visitor Self-Check & COVID-19 Waiver**

- For each home event, the family member(s) attending is/are required to bring a completed Visitor Self-Check form. (*Directions to follow*)
- Attendees are also required to provide photo identification for admission into the event.

### **Admittance - Verification**

- At each home event, a staff member will be at the gate to accept your Visitor Self-Check from and view your photo identification. This staff member will use the team roster to ensure the correct number of spectator are admitted per student/family.

### **When I'm not in attendance how can I watch my child participate in events?**

The FASD athletic department has invested in new technology that will bring you every game from our Stadium and Middle School gym LIVE. Please follow these steps:

Visit [www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com)

Search: Freeport Area Senior High School Sarver, PA

Subscribe

Choose the Annual Pass (\$69.99) or Monthly Pass (\$10.99)

Create your Account

Provide payment information

Once these steps have been completed, the schedule of LIVE Yellowjacket events will be visible. Simply click on the event you choose to watch.

As the season begins, we anticipate challenges with changes in games and practice schedules. We will do our best to communicate those changes as quickly as possible. Please always refer to the Athletic Webpage for the most up to date sport schedules:

<https://www.freeport.k12.pa.us/Athletics/home>. Individual coaches will communicate their practice time changes, cancellations, etc. Please consider following our athletic department on twitter for daily sport schedules, announcements and same-day changes: @FASD\_Athletics.

### **Will my child still be able to ride the bus with his/her team to away contests?**

The FASD athletic department will continue to provide district transportation to all away athletic events. Coaches will provide your child with departure times as they always have. Athletes and coaches are required to wear masks at all times on the bus and social distance to the maximum amount feasible. During remote instruction or during the A/B phase of return, parents are responsible for providing their child's transportation to campus to board the team bus.

Sincerely,  
Shawn Stivenson