

NHS Home Football Guidelines

We are more than excited that high school sports have been able to continue during this school year. Since resuming athletics late last fall, high school teams have competed in volleyball, cross country, basketball, swimming, men's soccer and lacrosse. Under the NCHSAA's schedule, we are set to have our first varsity football games on Friday evening.

Our high schools have been working closely with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) and local authorities to make sure athletic-related events are as safe as possible for participants and spectators alike.

With the Governor's recent changes to capacity at indoor and outdoor athletic events, we are looking forward to welcoming more spectators to support our teams!

While more fans will be allowed, capacity at our athletic facilities will be limited to a maximum of 30% and all schools will still be required to follow COVID-19 safety protocols, including social distancing.

As we get ready to take this next step, here are some things to know if you are coming out to support one of our athletic teams:

- Plan on arriving early for a COVID-19 screening and to have your online ticket verified.
- Everyone attending the event will be expected to wear a face covering.
- Non-family groups will be asked to maintain appropriate social distancing from others.
- Tickets for our athletic events will be sold online through [School Cash Online](#).
- Unless going to the restroom, spectators will need to stay seated in the bleachers during the event.
- No congregating in the grassy areas near the stands. This includes playing of any sports such as football, soccer, etc.
- All children under the age of 13 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please have ticket receipt ready to show at the ticket booth.
- Failure to comply with the set guidelines may result in removal from the game.
- No refunds will be provided.
- Gate will open at 6:00 p.m. for a game start time of 6:30 p.m. for Varsity games and 5:30 p.m. for JV games.

Thank you for doing all you can to help keep each other safe! We appreciate everyone wearing a face covering and maintaining social distance. As the number of COVID-19 cases decreases throughout our community, we look forward to welcoming even more of you back. Thank you for your support and know that OCS is committed to doing everything we can to make our facilities safe and welcoming for our student-athletes, coaches, staff, and our school family.