



# Intercollegiate Athletics Plan for Governor's Guidelines on Gatherings and Spectators

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For Idaho public four-year postsecondary institutions (“institutions”) to conduct activities for the remainder of the 2020-2021 winter sport school year, consistent with the Idaho Stage 3 Stay Healthy Guidelines, this plan outlines the management of athletics events.

## **Requirements**

Institutions are responsible for following the Stay Healthy Guidelines or other measures issued by the Governor and local jurisdictions. These protocols will need to be posted on entry doors and be visible for all participants and spectators.

Institutions that host events are required to follow this plan in order to host home competitions at their school institution. Institutions are required to have a protocol in place for all areas of the facility, including parking lots, sidewalks, lobbies, bathrooms, hallways, and the gym. Entry and exit will need to be clearly marked and if possible, separate entry and exits for each group of participants and spectators.

## **Limitations on Gatherings:**

- Institutions may allow up to 40-percent of their facility capacity or up to four spectators per student participant, whichever is larger, if physical distancing requirements can be maintained or if masks are worn.
- Institutions may have more stringent requirements for spectators at their athletic events (e.g., masking, social distancing, self-screening, etc.).
- Institutions will confirm the capacity of the facility (where applicable using fire marshal and/or Division of Building Safety information) and then calculate the 40-percent capacity number, allowing a number of spectators for both home and away teams into the gym. It is the responsibility of the Home team Athletic Director to notify away teams of the facility capacity number.
- All non-participating athletes, coaches and support personnel help are required to properly wear masks.

- Coaches and participating student athletes are excluded from determining gym capacity during their event.
- Participating students in the following events are excluded from gym capacity: band, cheerleading and dance.
- Student Body
  - Students will count against the 40-percent of capacity.
  - Students who choose to be seated in student sections and are closer than 6ft, are required to wear a mask.
- Support personnel including, but not limited to, stats/table workers, trainers, maintenance, janitorial, concessions, audio/visual, broadcast/print media, gate/ticketing count against the 40-percent capacity limit.
- Students/Participants not actively involved in events must adhere to local or institutional requirements for masks when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Institutions may have more stringent requirements for spectators at their events.

## **Health and Safety Measures**

- Spectators
  - Masks and facial coverings are required for all spectators when not seated or physically distanced. For institutions that have a mask requirement, this requirement will be in force for spectators at all times.
  - For purposes of this plan, physical distancing is 6-feet from non-household members.
- Direction and flow of spectators
  - The entry and exit and flow of directions as spectators enter the gym and exit the gym will be clearly marked.
  - Where practicable, home spectators and away spectators will enter through separate entrances and leave through those same entrances.
  - Physical distancing will be maintained in all areas of the facility including entry ways, exits, lobbies, bathrooms, and congregation of people is prohibited within the schools.
  - Event area entrances, exits and bathrooms will be cleaned and checked multiple times throughout an event. Physical distancing signage will be in place in all areas.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available to spectators and participants.