



General Basketball Event Guidelines

Student-Athletes, Coaches, Staff, Officials, Administrators, Parents, and Patrons:

Welcome to Union Public Schools! As we navigate through these uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like you to know that the health and safety of all student-athletes, coaches, staff, officials, administrators, parents, and patrons is our priority.

When you attend events in our facilities, we are asking you to follow the guidelines below:

1. Mask or face coverings are required for all participants, coaches, workers, officials, patrons or anyone entering the facility. Refusal to wear a mask or face covering will prevent admittance into the facility. All non-participants will be required to wear masks / face coverings at all times. We ask that all patrons exercise social distancing procedures in our facilities.
2. All Union Public Schools basketball facilities will be sold at a maximum of 35% capacity.
3. Home and visitors side will be clearly marked and seating will be enforced to allow communities to socially distance themselves. Fans will sit on opposite sides of the floor. **Home team behind the scorer's table.**
4. Participants, officials and coaches may remove their masks when they reach the court. Cloth face coverings for players and coaching staffs and other bench personnel are encouraged, but not required while on the bench.
5. Ticket takers and sellers will wear face coverings and behind a Plexiglas partition when able.
6. At some venues, there may be seating areas marked off as unavailable. Please refrain from sitting in these areas to help us keep our student-athletes, coaches and officials as safe as possible.
7. When feasible, a separation between the team bench and spectator seating behind the bench will occur. Spectators should refrain from walking into team areas.
8. No pre-game or post-game hand shaking, high-fives, or fist bumps between opposing teams to reduce contact as much as possible.
9. For participants, officials and coaches, no shared towels, clothing, shoes, or water bottles.
10. Before, during and after the contest, players, coaches, game officials, team personnel and game administration officials should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible. Sanitizer will be provided at the scorer's table.
11. For shared equipment such as balls, chairs, etc., sanitation should occur in between use when necessary.
12. Locker rooms will be accessible to the visiting teams but we recommend the use of these locker rooms be as minimal as functionally possible. Masks will be required in locker rooms, athletic training rooms, and coaches' offices and any area considered outside of the playing field. Officials should come dressed if they are able.
13. Only necessary personnel will be allowed on the court and at scorer's tables. Seats at the scorer's table are limited to essential personnel which includes home team scorer, announcer, and clock keepers, with a recommend distance of 6 feet or greater between individuals. Other personnel (visiting scorer, statisticians, media, etc.) may not be deemed essential personnel and an alternate location for them will be provided. Masks are required for those seated at the scorer's table, with the exception of the announcer.
14. Meals in hospitality areas will not be served buffet style; rather meals will be served in individual boxes/containers.
15. When traveling to and from away events, all coaches and student-athletes will be required to wear face coverings.
16. Home spirit squads are limited to 16 participants on the court at a time, 8 on each baseline and 4 on each side of the basket.
17. No visiting spirit squads will be permitted.
18. No bands allowed for indoor sports. Drumlines will be permitted on a pre-approved basis.
19. Spectators must exit the facility immediately after the game has ended.

We thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns before coming to our facilities, please do not hesitate to contact our Athletic Department.