

Hello parents/guardians,

I hope everybody is doing well and has had a great start to the school year. We are excited about the start of the fall season and entering into competitions. A few weeks ago I was uncertain if we would get to this point so I'm thankful that we are here and able to play.

Obviously things will look different this year and I wanted to share with you our policies for spectators who are attending our games/meets this fall.

- All spectators will be required to have ticket to enter the event. Tickets are free of charge, but will help us to limit the number of spectators at the event.
- Student athletes will be given between 1-3 tickets depending on the sport, venue, and number of students on the team. They can give those tickets to family or friends of their choosing.
- ***Unfortunately, due to the small space and lack of bleachers in the small gym we will not be allowing spectators into the small gym for freshmen volleyball games.***
- **Nobody will be allowed at the game without a ticket.**
- Once at the game a staff member will collect your ticket. Please write your name and contact phone number on the back of the ticket. This will serve us if we have to do contact tracing in the event that somebody at the game has Covid-19.
- **Per league policy, no visiting team spectators will be allowed.** This means that you will not be allowed to attend away games, unfortunately.
- We are working on an option to stream the games live on Facebook or another avenue so people are able to watch the games at home. More details to come on that. Check the school's Facebook page and/or the school's athletic website for more details next week. <https://www.vernonpublicschools.org/rockville-high-school-home/athletics>
- When you are at the game/meet you must remain socially distanced from other families and wear a mask at all times. Members of the same family can and should sit together.
- Bleachers will not be available at outdoor events so bring a chair or a blanket if you wish.
- Please use the preferred entrances for games to allow us to better track who is entering the games and stay within the state guidelines.
 - o Volleyball- Main gymnasium entrance near the rotary (circle). There is a large window sticker on the door indicating gymnasium. No fans are allowed in the small gym.
 - o Cross country- enter the track near the tennis courts.
 - o Soccer-
 - JV (lower) field- use the entrance closest to the field near Vo-Ag and the student parking lot.
 - Varsity (upper) field- use the entrance closest to the staff parking lot, near the softball field.
 - Stadium field- Use the entrance by the tennis courts. (Most varsity games will be played on the stadium field this year due to the dry weather and conditions of the other fields).

- Middle School-
 - Soccer- Sit on the opposite side of the benches.
 - Cross country- Socially distanced anywhere off the course.

We apologize for any inconveniences that these policies may cause you or your families, however, it is necessary in order for the student athletes to compete. If you have questions feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you this season.

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