



## 2020-21 SPRING SPORTS TICKETING AND SPECTATOR POLICIES

### INTRODUCTION

This year, high school and middle school athletics depend on everyone's cooperation and support to follow the safety guidelines set by the Ohio Department of Health, the Governor's Office and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. As we have seen, the opportunity to play sports can be taken away by the spread of COVID-19.

One of the changes affecting school athletics is limiting the number of spectators at all athletic events. Due to the Ohio Department of Health orders placing limits on seating in indoor and outdoor venues, no season passes will be available and there will be no ticket sales at the gate.

Schools in the state have been granted the chance to provide the opportunity to students for friends and family to be in attendance but also tasked with meeting the strict capacity limits defined in the health orders. As we provide the access to purchase to the student-athlete specifically, it is up to the student-athlete to distribute tickets to the people of his or her choice and to also distribute them however they choose amongst the competitive opportunities on their specific sport's schedule.

We are exploring ways for the greater community to enjoy these athletic events and cheer on the Bombers from the comfort of their own homes. Please refer to [kenstonlocal.org](http://kenstonlocal.org) for upcoming live streaming events.

We are collectively working together to do what we can to keep our student-athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators safe. We appreciate the community's support and cooperation to have a safe and successful season and close to this school year.

**UPDATE (3/2/21):** Based on an updated health order issued on March 2, 2021, ticket purchasing opportunities for paid-admission spring sports, with a few exceptions, will be made available as general admission to the public. For the few events where we anticipate reaching capacity, families will have the opportunity to pre-purchase a limited number of tickets for each athletic contest as determined by the sport as stated previously.

## HEALTH GUIDELINES

- Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must stay home. According to the CDC, symptoms include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Family/household members should sit together, physically distanced from other individuals/families (please sit on seats marked on tape).
- 6-foot physical distancing should be maintained throughout the facility
- No congregation before or after games is permitted
- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times except for the following reasons:
  - A medical condition that restricts breathing
  - Seated and actively consuming food or beverage
  - Communicating with the hearing impaired
- Spectators must be seated in the stands. Standing on fence lines is not permitted unless it is temporary and 6-foot physical distancing is maintained.
- Every other row in the stadium and gym will be closed to seating to provide for more physical distancing.
  - Spectators must sit in the seats marked by tape.
- At-Risk family members are urged to stay home; these include:
  - People with chronic lung disease
  - People who have serious heart conditions
  - People who are immunocompromised
  - People with severe obesity (BMI over 30)
  - People with diabetes
  - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
  - People with liver disease
  - Women who are pregnant

## HOME TOWN TICKETING (ONLINE TICKET SALES PLATFORM)

Tickets are now available for purchase online. This will be the ONLY way tickets will be sold for home sporting events. Unless stated differently, all tickets will cost \$6 plus a service charge.

Tickets can be printed or viewed on a smart phone and will be scanned at our gates for admission. For limited capacity events, student-athletes will be provided early access and will enter the student's School ID Number as a unique code to gain access to purchase. Since tickets are reserved for family or household members only through the student, that ID number should not be shared with others.

Please visit the Kenston Home Town Ticketing website here:

<https://kenstonlocal.org/tickets/>

## **SPECTATING AND TICKETING GUIDELINES**

### **General Requirements**

Kenston High School will provide tickets to all home contests and in some instances to away contests online – please see the Home Town Ticketing section for additional information on how to purchase tickets online.

Away Games: In the event that we are not able to sell our own tickets to our spectators, ticket policies from our opponents will be communicated to families when appropriate.

Tickets should be printed for all games in case of technical issues.

Home fans must sit in the home sections and visiting fans must sit in the visitor's sections at each of our venues.

Senior citizens will be provided with complimentary admissions to all non-limited capacity events.

### **Ticket Specific to Event**

Tickets are good only for that date and particular event and are not redeemable for tickets to any other events. Tickets are therefore null and void after the date of the event regardless of whether or not they were used for admission.

### **Siblings on Same Team**

The ticket purchase opportunities are particular to the student-athlete. Therefore, if there are siblings on the same team, each sibling may purchase up to the stated limit for their events.

### **Specific Guidelines by Sport**

#### **BASEBALL**

- Home Games
  - Attendance is open to household family members at no cost
  - We ask that no more than 4 household family members attend events
  - Bleacher seating is limited and spectators may bring their own seating
- Away Games
  - Subject to opponent policies that will be communicated the week of contests

#### **LACROSSE**

- Home Games
  - General admission tickets are sold as a JV/Varsity combined event and spectators may attend both games with same ticket
  - Gates will open to spectators 30 minutes before game time
- Away Games
  - Subject to opponent policies that will be communicated the week of contests

## SOFTBALL

- Home Games
  - Attendance is open to household family members at no cost
  - We ask that no more than 4 household family members attend events
  - Bleacher seating is limited and spectators may bring their own seating
- Away Games
  - Subject to opponent policies that will be communicated the week of contests

## TENNIS

- Home Games
  - Attendance is open to household family members at no cost
  - We ask that no more than 4 household family members attend events
  - Bleacher seating is limited and spectators may bring their own seating
- Away Games
  - Subject to opponent policies that will be communicated the week of contests

## TRACK & FIELD

- Home Events
  - With the exception of the Lusk Relays, attendance is open to household family members at no cost
  - Gates will open to spectators 30 minutes before game time
- Away Events
  - Subject to opponent policies that will be communicated the week of contests

## **Kenston Staff Attendance**

**UPDATE (3/2/21):** With the expanded capacity permitted by the March 2, 2021 order, we will be permitting employees to attend all ticketed events by showing their employee ID at the gate.

For the limited events where we anticipate approaching capacity, the following policy will be in place. With the strict attendance requirements across the state, there will not be the typical employee admissions at home sporting events. All schools are tasked with managing capacity and must have the ability to account for all attendees.

Our ticket policy is student-centered, meaning the attendance benefit for any qualified employee will be honored but only if the employee is a member of the student's household as registered with the school district in Infinite Campus.

Employee parents of students will be subject to the capacity restrictions in all other ways but in order to receive the two complimentary admissions to an event, the employee must contact the Athletic Director at least 72 hours prior to the event to be provided with complimentary admissions in their student's particular sport.

## **Kenston Student Attendance**

**UPDATE (3/2/21):** With the expanded capacity permitted by the March 2, 2021 order, we will be permitting general admission purchasing opportunities for students to attend all ticketed events.

For the limited events where we anticipate approaching capacity, the high school administration will work with the Kenston Krazies student fan group to provide opportunities for students who would not typically qualify for attendance under our general policies. These events will be determined on a case-by-case basis and will at all times be subject to our attendance and capacity requirements.

## **Raffle Winners**

Any individuals who received 2020-21 attendance passes from raffles held during the 2019-20 academic year will be honored at a future date when health and attendance restrictions have been relaxed or lifted.

## **STREAMING**

We hope to provide live streaming options in each of our stadium sports that limit in-person attendance. When possible, we will broadcast live from our from our Boxcast account at <https://boxcast.tv/channel/obzoptw1ecba3sj72col>.

Some events may be broadcast from our Twitter account @KHSBomberSports as well as from the Kenston Athletics Booster account @KABoosters.

We are thankful for any volunteers who may be willing to broadcast from a personal device in the sports of baseball, softball, and tennis. Please contact the Athletic Director if interested.

We also welcome the use of personal devices to FaceTime, live stream, or in any other way broadcast our events to any friends or family members who are unable to attend our contests on person.

## **CONCESSIONS**

- We will have one venue where concessions are present – Kenston Bomber Stadium
- Attendants will follow all Ohio Department of Health Protocols
- Only pre-packaged food and drinks will be sold
- We will limit workers in the booth to three at a time and will require they be masked
- Glass partitions have been installed for protective barriers
- Individuals in line must practice social distancing
- Concession stand workers must wear ID lanyards to gain access to the venues

## **WEATHER PLANS**

### **Cancellations**

- If an event is cancelled prior to start, we will either issue a refund or allow you to present your ticket for admission to another event (assuming we may remain under capacity)
- If an event is ruled a complete game after a weather delay or shortening of the game, tickets will be considered redeemed whether or not they were used to enter the venue for the contest.

### **Emergency Action Plan**

We may experience delays during our outdoor contests due to lightning or other inclement weather. Spectators should follow these instructions until guided to return to the stadium or to go home.

- The venue will be emptied
- All spectators should return to their vehicles
- All opponent student-athletes and personnel should return to their busses
- Our home team will be directed to our middle school locker rooms with JV entering one locker room and Varsity entering the other
- Gate workers should go to either the home or away ticket booths
- Press box and concession workers should remain in their areas with the PA team making all necessary announcements
- Our game managers will help to coordinate information to teams and spectators