

Reedsburg Area High School Activities Department

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Reedsburg 2021 Spring Sports COVID PROTOCOLS

The RAHS Activities Department is providing the following COVID protocols for 2021 Spring Athletic programs and contests management for visiting teams and all spectators. The rules outlined below are put in place to preserve the health and safety of all.

We ALL play an important part in preserving the privilege of contest participation and spectatorship.

Contest Management:

Spectators:

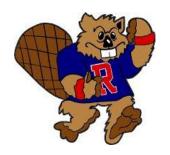
- No Admission fee will be charged at 2021 Spring Sporting Events
- There will be no limits on attendance
- All Spectators are asked to comply with wearing a face covering while attending all 2021 school sponsored Spring Sporting events on or off campus.
- Restroom Use will be available
- Concessions MAY be available at some contests on a limited basis
- <u>Umpires & Officials:</u> Face Coverings must be worn at all times

Visiting Teams

- Visiting Athletes will be expected to arrive ready to play
- Locker room facilities(if available) will be available for restroom use only
- Teams are encouraged to arrive with their own hydration
- Trainers will be available to serve athletes in the Spring Sports of Baseball, Softball, Track and Girls Soccer
- Athletes: Will be asked to comply with wearing Face Coverings upon arrival to the venue and until the official warm-ups have started or a player is competing in the contest. Face Coverings must be appropriately worn at all times (covering the nose and mouth), particularly when unable to socially distance. Athletes will be asked to comply with wearing Face Coverings at all times when in dugouts, on a sideline, or while not eating, drinking, warming up or directly competing in a contest.
- Coaches: Face Coverings must be worn at all times

Sidelines, Benches and Dugouts

- Allow only Essential Personnel in these areas. These are defined as players, coaches, medical personnel/athletic trainers, managers and officials.
- Wearing of Facial coverings of Essential Personnel on sidelines, benches and dugouts in mandatory.
- All others, (i.e.,photographers, media, etc.) are considered non-essential personnel and are not permitted to be in these designated areas.



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General Hygiene Considerations: (WIAA Guidelines)

- Athletes, coaches, and officials are encouraged to apply hand sanitizer frequently.
- Emphasize to avoid touching the face throughout practice and competition.
- **Spitting/Nose Clearing/Coughing** All athletes and coaches are prohibited from spitting/nose clearing and must cover coughs.
- Warm-ups/Stretching Maintain social distance between athletes.
- Congregating of Athletes and/or Coaches Discourage congregating upon arrival to the venue, prior to practice, match or meet.
- **Elimination of Handshakes** Teams may find other respectful ways to acknowledge each other before or after a competition, while maintaining social distancing.
- **Coach Conferences** Limit the number of individuals in a conference and/or huddle to those who must be in close proximity for these discussions. It is encouraged that coaches wear a mask.

Equipment:

- Personal Equipment It is recommended that each athlete bring their own gym bag for personal items. Personal equipment is never to be shared between athletes
- Water bottle All athletes shall bring their own water bottle. Water bottles must not be shared.
- Shared Equipment Will be sanitized regularly

WIAA Event Accountability

- A <u>tracing sheet</u> shall be kept of all individuals traveling with the team to the contest verifying that the traveling party has been prescreened that day, before departure.
- A <u>verification form</u> will be signed by the coach and athletic director and exchanged between coaches to verify this prescreening of athletes and coaches has been completed prior to the contest.

Enforcement of mitigation expectations:

- The RAHS Activities Department asks for cooperation from all teams, coaches and spectators to self monitor their groups for compliance with the COVID mitigation protocols and expectations listed above. Any person refusing to comply will be asked to leave the facility.
- Contest Managers may be available to monitor teams and spectators during contests.
- In the case where contest managers are not present, COACHES are designated as the Contest Managers.
- <u>It is not the role of umpires or officials to monitor</u> to ensure the enforcement of the COVID mitigation protocols list above.

All COVID protocols that are explained above are non-negotiable at this time. The RAHS Activities Department reserves the right to modify and/or make additions to the information above as needed.

We are all in this together. Please come out and support our 2021 Spring athletes responsibly!