

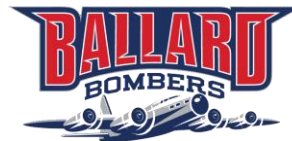


Ballard Activities Department

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Ballard Community,

Due to COVID-19 and the derecho damage in our communities, there will be some changes that will affect the way we normally do things. Please allow me to outline these for you.

Football

The derecho storm that we experienced last Monday decimated Richard Strouse Field. The press box received structural damage and is unusable. We lost a light pole on our visitor's side that fell into our parking lot and the scoreboard and both of the 25 second clocks were heavily damaged. The engineers have deemed our stadium as uninhabitable and we will not be able to host any home football games this fall in our stadium. We have adjusted our football schedule. Below is the current schedule that will be used.

****NOTE** - Homecoming will be moved to the winter season. Senior Night will be broken up into three different nights.

At this time, the stadium is closed and will remain closed due to the damage and debris that remains and the new construction that is happening.

Middle School Football

Tuesday - Sept. 15	7 th Grade at North Polk	4:15 PM
Thursday - Sept. 17	8 th Grade at North Polk	5:30 PM
Monday - Sept. 21	8 th Grade at Perry	4:15 PM
Tuesday - Sept. 22	7 th Grade at Perry	4:15 PM
Tuesday - Sept. 29	8 th Grade at Gilbert	4:15 PM
Thursday - Oct. 1	7 th Grade at Gilbert	4:15 PM
Tuesday - Oct. 6	8 th Grade at Carlisle	4:15 PM
Thursday - Oct. 8	7 th Grade at Carlisle	4:15 PM
Tuesday - Oct. 13	7 th Grade at Boone	4:15 PM
Thursday - Oct. 15	8 th Grade at Boone	4:15 PM
Tuesday - Oct. 20	7 th Grade at ADM	4:15 PM
Thursday - Oct. 22	8 th Grade at ADM	4:15 PM

Junior Varsity Football

Monday - Aug. 31	at North Polk	5:30 PM
Monday - Sept. 7	at Carlisle	5:30 PM
Monday - Sept. 14	at Webster City	6:00 PM
Monday - Sept. 21	at Gilbert	6:00 PM
Monday - Sept. 28	at Humboldt	6:00 PM
Monday - Oct. 5	at Boone	6:00 PM

Freshman-Varsity Football

Friday - Aug. 28	at North Polk	4:45 PM/7:30 PM
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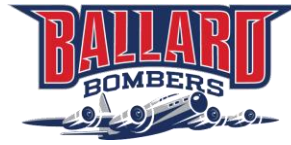


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Friday – Sept. 4	Carlisle at Gilbert	4:45 PM/7:30 PM	<i>Cheerleading SR Night</i>
Friday – Sept. 11	at Webster City	4:30 PM/7:30 PM	
Friday – Sept. 18	Gilbert at North Polk	4:30 PM/7:30 PM	<i>Cross Country SR Night</i>
Friday – Sept. 25	Humboldt at TBA	4:30 PM/7:30 PM	
Friday – Oct. 2	at Boone	4:45 PM/7:30 PM	
Friday – Oct. 9	Mason City at Gilbert	4:30 PM/7:30 PM	<i>Football SR Night</i>

50% Seating Capacity – Fall Season

The Raccoon River Conference in conjunction with the guidance provided by the Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU), will be limiting seating capacity to 50% for the fall sports season. We have developed a protocol for ticket sales to accommodate this guideline.

Freshman/Varsity Football

*We will use an online ticketing service to purchase tickets. All tickets will be paid for online and when spectators come through the gate they will need to display their unique QR code showing they paid. The ticket taker will scan the QR code for access. There will be no tickets sold at the gate and only spectators with a prepaid ticket will be allowed to enter.

*Football players, coaches, and cheerleaders will be given an allotment of tickets.

*High School students will have the next priority to obtain a ticket. **One ticket per student.**

- Seniors – **Monday** of game week
- Juniors – **Tuesday** of game week
- Sophomores and Freshmen – **Wednesday** of game week

* The general public will have access to any remaining tickets on **Thursday** of game week.

* A link will be sent to 9-12 students via infinite campus. A link for the general public will be communicated through the [Ballard Activities Twitter](#), [Ballard Activities Facebook](#), and the [Ballard Activities Website](#).

Junior Varsity Football

*Admission gates will run as normal. First come, first served on game nights at the admission gate until the 50% capacity is met.

Middle School Football

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FR/JV/V Volleyball

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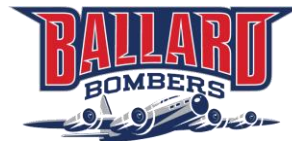


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Middle School Volleyball

*Details are still being discussed by the Raccoon River Conference AD's and will be released soon.

The focus of the fall 2020 spectator's guidance is to find the safest way possible to allow parents and a few others to watch our events in person. We are working on providing a live stream coverage of home varsity football and varsity volleyball events so those that can attend may watch.

Ballard Cross Country Meet

Ballard hosts one of the larger cross country meets in Iowa in the middle of September. The event brings in 24 schools with approximately 1,500+ runners and 2,000+ spectators. To provide an opportunity for all athletes to participate and provide social distancing opportunities, **the event will not be open to spectators**. The ability to get all levels of athletes to perform in the meet is our purpose for the meet and by eliminating spectators, it allows us to do that.

Activity Passes – Student Activity, Booster Club, Senior

With the 50% capacity rate and needing the ability to keep an accurate count of spectators, activity passes will not be used for the fall season. These include student activity passes, athletic booster club passes, and senior passes. Those who have purchased the student activity passes will be getting a refund from the district office. Please be patient with those as they have to process quite a few. Athletic booster club pass refunds should be directed to the athletic booster club.

We know that there are a lot of changes that people may be frustrated with. These are unintentional and we are trying to deal with the situations (COVID-19, derecho damage) the best we can. We ask for patient and understanding as we start the 2020-21 athletic seasons. It is a learning curve for all of us. Our goal is to get through the fall seasons with all students given the ability to compete.

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