

Ballard Community School District



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Ballard Patrons,

The 2020 activity season has gotten off to a great start. We have endured many challenges thus far. The fall season saw a lot of successes by our cross country, cheerleading, volleyball, and football programs. Along the way, our Bombers faced those challenges and overcame them.

The winter season will be no different. All activities will be exclusively inside, flu season will start ramping up, and the cold weather will set in. This will present even greater challenges.

The Ballard School District has released the Winter Guidelines for the upcoming winter activity season. Please understand that our intentions are not to make situations difficult for spectators who attend. Our intention is to keep everyone safe that attends our events, including the students who are participating in those events.

You will see that many of the guidelines are very similar to the ones used during fall activities. I will highlight a few of the new major ones:

- 1. In conjunction with the Story County mandate, masks will be worn in Ballard facilities at all times. If we have to address you about it, we expect you to comply. Failure to comply will result in us asking you to leave the facility. Please come to our events prepared, so please bring a mask.***
- 2. Food will not be allowed in the gymnasiums. All food items bought at the concession stand or brought in must be eaten in the commons areas. Sealed drinks will be allowed into the gym.***
- 3. Admission to events will be purchased at the gate(s) as they had been pre-COVID. We will only accept cash sales, no credit or debit card sales.***

Please make sure that you view the winter guidelines and adhere to these. We were lenient with the fall activities in regards to face masks. This will not be the case this winter. The norm should be to see everyone with masks on, not without.

Our winter programs are gearing up for an exciting season. Please help by doing your part.

Sincerely,

Nate Boock



2020-21 Ballard Winter Activity Guidelines



*Listed below are the winter activity guidelines for the Ballard School District. It is important to understand that these are **required** and are not recommendations. Spectators not willing to comply will be asked to leave the facility. It should be understood that individual schools that we compete against on the road in their facilities may have more or less stringent guidelines in place that are consistent with what their local school boards have adopted.*

Masks

*Masks are required to be worn in Ballard facilities at all times. Spectators must have their masks on prior to entering the facility. Masks must be worn for the duration of your visit. Masks may be removed to drink and eat. Food (including popcorn) is only allowed in the commons area.

Concessions

*The Ballard School District will offer concession stands. Drinks are allowed into the gymnasiums but food must stay in the commons (this includes popcorn).

Tickets

*Tickets will be purchased at the gate as they had been pre-COVID. We will only accept cash sales, no credit or debit card sales. Some activities will have capacity restrictions.

Events without Capacity Restrictions

Middle School Basketball
FR/JV/V Basketball
JV/V Wrestling

Events with Capacity Restrictions

Middle School Wrestling
Middle School Band Concerts (in Auditorium)

Middle School Wrestling (Home Tournament)

*Spectators will be limited to 2 per athlete. Spectators will come to the gate, identify the athlete that they are paired with, and pay the admission. Once an athlete has two spectators paired up with them, they have hit the max allotted to them and no more will be allowed. Cheerleaders will not be allowed.

Middle School Band Concerts (in Auditorium)

*Spectators will be limited to 2 per musician. Spectators will come to the gate, identify the musician that they are paired with, and pay the admission. Once a musician has two spectators paired up with them, they have hit the max allotted to them and no more will be allowed.

Middle School Basketball

*Ballard spectators will sit opposite of the scorer's table on the north side. The visiting team will sit on the scorer's table side on the south side. The first two rows of bleachers will not be used by spectators on the visiting team side.

General Spectator Information

*Spectators are responsible for their own health screenings. If you are not feeling well, showing any signs of symptoms of COVID-19, or have been around someone who is COVID-19 positive, STAY HOME.

*Frequently wash your hands

*Remain physically distanced (6 feet)

*Avoid touching your face