

Elk County Catholic School System
Spectator Attendance Guidelines at Home Events
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Elk County Catholic School System looks forward to a safe and successful fall athletic season. Under the current guidelines, spectators are permitted to attend certain events and must follow all applicable health and safety directives as issued by the Governor, Pennsylvania Department of Health and the PIAA. Please review the following important information concerning spectators at Elk County Catholic home sporting events—and also understand that this information is subject to change with little notice. The Elk County Catholic School System appreciates your patience and flexibility as we try to provide a quality athletic experience for our students, and fair access to as many spectators as allowed by state mandates.

Currently in Pennsylvania, gatherings outdoors are limited to 250 people and gatherings indoors are limited to 25 people. This includes participants, coaches, officials, event workers, medical personnel and media.

Spectators at all ECC home athletic events are expected to follow all current safety mandates:

- Prior to the event, spectators should complete a self-screening and must be symptom free. (Free from fever over 100.4, sore throat accompanied by persistent pain, new uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain or new onset of severe headache with a fever)
- Spectators must not have had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Spectators who have traveled to an area of high transmission as defined by the PA Department of Health in the last 14 days are recommended by the PA Department of Health not to attend.
- Spectators at all ECC home contest venues will also be required to follow Pennsylvania's Universal Face Coverings Order. This order states that face covering must be worn in all indoor venues and face coverings must be worn in outdoor venues where individuals cannot consistently maintain six feet of physical distancing. Members of the same household are not required to physically distance from each other.

Tickets are not required at events held at Benzinger Park or the Leaning Pines. At these locations, spectators must follow the safety mandates listed above.

Below are current regulations for individual sports. Again, please be aware that these regulations are subject to change:

Varsity Football & Cheerleading & Band: For the parents of all football players, cheerleaders, and band members, two advanced-sale tickets can be purchased for use by parents prior to the event. Purchase price is \$4.00 per ticket. These tickets are non transferable. No tickets will be available at the door.

As per league agreement, visiting cheerleaders and visiting band members will not be in attendance. Also, tickets will not be available for visiting fans.

Please note: The St. Marys Area School District has indicated that they will NOT be restricting the parking areas during contests held on school grounds. Persons not admitted to the game may be able to view the contest from the parking area. We ask any individuals considering this option to follow ECC Spectator Guidelines with respect to masks and physical distancing, and avoid congregating. The St. Marys Area School District reserves the right to change this policy without notice. Failure to comply with St. Marys Area School District policies may also jeopardize our continued use of the SMASD facility.

All ECC home football games will be available on the River 98.9 YouTube Channel as well as the ECC TV YouTube Channel and the ECC-TV Channel on Zito Media.

Golf: Home events are held at the Leaning Pines Golf Course. All spectators who will be attending are expected to follow all ECC Spectator Guidelines and any additional requirements set forth by Leaning Pines Golf Course.

Cross Country & Tennis: Home events are held at Benzinger Park, which is a city-owned and operated recreational facility. Any spectators in attendance at these matches will be expected to follow all ECC Spectator Guidelines and any additional guidelines set forth by the City of St. Marys.

Boys & Girls Soccer: Girls varsity, boys varsity, and junior high soccer matches are held at Angela Huey Field in Kersey. This field is located at the Fox Township Park, which is a community-owned and operated facility. There will be a limited number of tickets for sale at the gate on a first-come, first-serve basis for each soccer match. Spectators will be expected to follow all ECC Spectator Guidelines and any additional requirements set forth by Fox Township.

Volleyball & JH Basketball: Due to the governor's mandate of a maximum of 25 occupancy indoors, spectators will not be permitted at volleyball matches or basketball games.

Varsity volleyball matches will be streamed on the ECCTV YouTube Channel as well as ECC TV available on Zito Media.

Spectator Rules, Regulations, & Expectations

1. Spectators choosing to purchase a ticket or attend venues where tickets are not sold understand the risk associated with COVID-19, and assume all responsibility and liability if they were to contract COVID-19.
2. Spectators must certify that they are in good health on the day of the contest as outlined by the screening criteria above and that they have had no signs or symptoms that would indicate they are at risk of COVID-19. Spectators must certify that they have not been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual within the last 14 days.
3. Spectators at all ECC home contest venues will also be required to follow Pennsylvania's Universal Face Coverings Order. This order states that face covering must be worn in all indoor venues and face coverings must be worn in outdoor venues where individuals cannot consistently maintain six feet of physical distancing. Members of the same household are not required to physically distance from each other.