

Fairfield Union Local Schools Athletics Safety Procedures For Participants

We will follow the OHSAA Guidelines for return to athletics and any state or local department of health orders for return to athletics. In addition, the following specific social distancing and safety procedures for athletics will be in place at our facilities and, as applicable, during any athletics activities that may take place at other locations. These procedures are intended to adhere to and supplement ODH and OHSAA requirements, and may be updated as necessary.

Failure to follow any requirement below may result in loss of facility use and activity participation. Concerns that others are not following these safety procedures should be brought to the attention of the coaching staff or athletic director immediately.

What to bring to practices and contests:

- Before you attend the first practice you must be registered in OneView, have a signed waiver and a valid physical on file. No exceptions.
- Your own water bottle (a gallon jug with your name is highly recommended). You will **not be** able to fill up at school, water fountain use will not be permitted, and you may not share water bottles with others.
- Your own personal equipment, such as a hat, towel, and helmets. You may not share with others.
- Mask to be worn indoors and outdoors when not physically participating in activity (running, playing in open gym, etc.). This includes when waiting on the sideline, waiting for the next game, and arriving to and leaving practices. A variety of facial coverings covering the nose, mouth, and chin are acceptable. Coverings may be cloth and/or homemade.
- Wear the clothes you will be practicing in. Shirts and shoes will be required at all times. Workout clothing/uniforms should be laundered at home immediately upon returning from practice/workout.

Social Distancing:

Keep at least six (6) feet in all directions between all individuals at all times, with limited exception as necessary when being transported by bus to an event or when impossible to maintain while engaged in the athletic activity (this includes coaches/staff as well as other students). During bus transportation, maximum possible social distancing must be maintained and siblings should sit together.

Practices will occur outdoors whenever possible. Group workout sizes will be limited.

Pre-Practice Screening:

Participants must perform a symptom check that includes taking their temperature (if they have a thermometer at home) before arriving at the activity. If any of the following apply, Participants must stay home and must notify the coach:

- a. has a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit,
- b. is exhibiting any other symptom of illness or COVID-19 (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/how-you-can-prevent-and-prepare/COVID-19-Symptoms-Infographic>), or
- c. has been exposed to any person who has tested positive or is presumed positive for COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days.

Participants must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon first entering school facilities or at the end of the school day before coming to practice, as applicable. Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies will be provided.

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Sign-in and Monitoring Questions will take place in the check-in location. While waiting to be checked in, keep at least 6 feet between all individuals at all times. ***Note - if participants have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or other illness, and/or refuse to answer monitoring questions, they will be sent home.** In addition, if symptoms develop during practice, the participant will be immediately isolated and sent home.

Facilities and Equipment Cleaning:

The check-in location and athletic complex will be sanitized daily.

Any equipment used must be wiped down before and after each use. For example, this means that each participant must wipe down a weight machine or other piece of equipment before the next person uses it. Game balls shall remain with single groups and be sanitized between use. Participants must clean shared equipment, including balls, intermittently during the activity.

Miscellaneous:

The no-touch rule is in effect. This means no high fives, handshakes, group huddles, or other similar contact. No spitting or chewing gum or other similar products is permitted.

Participants need to arrive at the scheduled time for their activity and they must remain in their car until any previous groups have cleaned up and left the area. Similarly, Participants must leave school grounds as soon as their activity is over. Participants are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household. Face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals traveling to and from the venue.

Restrictions On Parents

Those who are not directly participating or instructing will not be permitted to attend practices or enter our facilities.

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

Activity: _____ **Date:** _____
Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____

The following definitions apply to this Agreement:

1. "Activity" means the Activity identified above.
2. "Facilities" means any facility, location, or other area or structure at or in which a Board-sponsored or sanctioned Activity takes place, regardless of whether or not the Board owns or operates the facility.
3. "Equipment" means any equipment used as part of a Board-sponsored or sanctioned Activity, regardless of whether or not the Board owns the Equipment.

The Fairfield Union Local School District Board of Education (the "Board") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Even with these measures, there are substantial risks that students or others participating in the Activity, and/or using the Facilities or Equipment in connection with the Activity could become ill with COVID-19 and could infect other family members.

In exchange for the Board permitting the Student to participate in the Activity and/or use the Facilities and Equipment, the Student and his/her Parent/Guardian agree to the following:

1. The Student's attendance at, and/or participation in, the Activity, and/or use of the Facilities and Equipment is **voluntary**.
2. The Student will not participate in or attend the Activity or use the Facilities or Equipment if he/she:
 - a. has a temperature above 100°F;
 - b. is exhibiting any other symptom of any illness or COVID-19; or
 - c. has been exposed to any person who has tested positive or is presumed positive for COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days.
3. The Student's participation in the Activity and/or use of the Facilities or Equipment is conditioned upon the Student complying with all federal, state, local, and Board orders, rules, and regulations, both current and as amended/updated, that are then in effect and applicable to the Activity, Facilities, and/or Equipment (the "Regulations"). This includes but is not limited to, Regulations related to health, safety, and/or the spread of contagious disease, including but not limited to COVID-19 and any related or derivative disease or condition. The Student will comply with the Regulations at all times while attending the Activity and/or using the Facilities or Equipment. The Board may terminate the Student's participation in the Activity and/or use of the Facilities or Equipment at any time for failure to comply with the Regulations.
4. The Student will at all times of participation in the Activity and/or use of the Facilities or Equipment be covered by a current accident/medical policy.
5. COVID-19 is highly contagious, and the Student and Parent/Guardian understand it is the sole responsibility of the Student and his/her Parent/Guardian to evaluate carefully all risks inherent in

participating in the Activity and/or using the Facilities and Equipment. The Student and his/her Parent/Guardian voluntarily assume full responsibility for all risks involved, including, but not limited to, actions, omissions, or other failures of persons, that the Student may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 or other illness or injuries, and that these risks may result in illness, permanent disability, death, or other damages or expenses to the Student or others.

6. The risks of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Facilities or by participating in the Activity, and other risks may result from the actions, omissions, or other failures of the Student or others outside the Board's control, including, but not limited to, students, volunteers, and guests.
7. The Student and Parent/Guardian assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injuries to the Student including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that the Student or their Parent/Guardian may experience or incur in connection with Student's participation in the Activity and/or use of the Facilities or Equipment ("Claims").
8. The Student and Parent/Guardian release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Board, its members, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, arising from negligence or otherwise, and any damages as a result of the Student's participation in the Activity and use of the Facilities or Equipment, including but not limited to property damage and any mental or physical bodily injury, including death.
9. This release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Board, its members, employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in the Activity and/or use of the Facilities or Equipment.
10. The foregoing WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE OF CLAIMS, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I/we, the undersigned, have read the above carefully, understand its significance, and voluntarily agree to all of its terms. If the Student is under 18 years of age, this Agreement **must** be signed by the Student's Parent/Guardian. For divorced/separated parents, the Parent/Guardian signing below attests that he/she has legal authority to provide consent for the Student to participate in the Activity and/or use the Facilities and Equipment and to execute this Agreement and waiver of rights.

Printed Name of Student	Signature of Student	Date
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If Student/Participant is under age 18, a Parent/Guardian must sign below, indicating agreement. **Participation will not be permitted until all required signatures are completed.**

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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