

QUESTIONS FROM 12/10/20 AD ZOOM MEETING

Q. Is there a limitation on how many bus drivers may be in the gym? Our school is utilizing vans/multiple busses, to transport teams.

A. Bus drivers of all school vehicles at the event are permitted in the gym. Masks and social distancing required.

Q. Are school yearbook and newspaper photographers allowed to attend events?

A. Yes, but they should be treated like media and only one per publication is allowed.

Q. Can schools begin practicing after the last day of classes in December or are we still under the Guidance from Department of Education activities and our learning plans?

A. The Department does not govern local decisions to hold activities over winter break because school is not in session. This includes practices and competition. The four activities organizations may impose their own restrictions or conditions, such as limits on rescheduling of games, performances, rehearsals, or practices; however, those are a matter of organizational governance and not within the DE's jurisdiction. This is not related to a waiver to provide instruction remotely because a waiver is not necessary during a break. This is also not related to the requirements in SF 2310 regarding a minimum school calendar. IHSAA/IGHSAU do not allow winter sports competition from Dec. 24-January 1. That remains in effect this year. Music and speech allow in person practice and/or competition, subject to local decision.

Q. Can conferences agree to allow all parents from girls' games to stay for boys' games?

A. Schools are not allowed to be LESS restrictive than the Governor's Proclamation. The only spectators allowed in the gym are the two per player in that contest.

Q. Must we disinfect the bleachers between games?

A. Guidance on facility sanitization is that consideration should be given to which facilities are going to need sanitization, how often will sanitization be needed, who will be doing the sanitizing. Make sure equipment is sanitized before and after each practice.

Locker rooms may be utilized; however, the Department of Public Health guidelines must be adhered to. Locker rooms must be cleaned and sanitized after each team leaves.

Disinfecting the areas most utilized in the contest-bench area, locker rooms, etc. should be first priority.

Q. Are the two teams allowed to share basketballs during warm-ups?

A. The host school should provide warm-up balls and properly sanitize them prior to being used before each game – our recommendation would be to have a separate rack of balls for the home and visiting team.

Q. Do you anticipate any changes to academic eligibility, i.e. waiver of the No Pass/No Play?

A. No changes are currently under consideration. Schools will now need to apply the rule after the first grading period. A "grading period" shall mean the period of time at the end of which a student in grades 9 through 12 receives a final grade and course credit is awarded for passing grades. So if you are on a quarter/block/trimester scheduling, students who had failing grades should be serving the 30-day period now. Remember, there is no longer double jeopardy.

Q. We are playing an out of state school in basketball on the road. Are the Iowa ticket/fan restrictions in place for our games out of state?

A. We adhere to the host school guidelines for out of state competition.

Q. Will school physicals deadline be extended beyond December 31?

A. There are currently no plans to extend the deadline further.

Q. Can you clarify further the requirements for masks and social distancing on the bench for players and coaches?

A. Additional chairs or rows may be added to allow bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet or greater (consider local fire code). This will avoid players sitting next to each and coaches.

Personnel not in the game should adhere to any required local/state face covering requirements. The Governor's declaration (through December 10) requires masks for all except for participants of the game.

coaches while coaching-not required

coaches on bench coaching-not required

injured players on bench-if not able to participate-required

All coaches and players should wear masks when entering the building, watching other games, moving about the building and upon departure.

Q. Any updates to allowing tickets for AD and families?

A. Governor Reynolds is expected to give an update the proclamation on Wednesday at her press conference.

Q. Can a school or conference prohibit the use of administrative passes for opponents?

A. The administrative passes issued are technically for IHSAA and IGHS AU post-season events only. Common practice has been for schools to accept these during regular season competition. Local district decision on whether to allow use or not.

Q. Any updates to allowing tickets for coaches' families?

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Q. Will Junior High sports be allowed to begin competition after December 10?

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Q. What steps may a school take when a spectator refuses to wear a mask and/or claim a medical issue?

A. Move the spectator away from the general seating area. Extracurricular activities are voluntary and if a spectator chooses to attend, they must follow the mask mandate in place. This is consistent with local businesses and/or restaurants who refuse service to anyone not wearing a mask.