## FENTON TIGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



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Dear parents and student athletes,

## Please take the few minutes to read this entire update regarding fall sports.

I wanted to communicate with you regarding the recent decision by the Michigan Supreme Court regarding the Executive Orders made by Governor Whitmer, and the authority she has to declare a state of emergency. Although the Supreme Court has rescinded her ability to execute Executive Orders, this does not change the board approved Return to School Plan. The protocols for returning to athletic participation includes that we follow all MHSAA guidelines. The following guidelines are still in effect:

- Student athletes are required to wear a mask in the sports of football, sideline cheer, soccer, and volleyball at all times.
- Student athletes are required to wear a mask when not actively involved in exercising or when they cannot maintain social distancing except for during fleeting moments in the sports of cross country, golf, swimming and diving, and tennis.
- All spectators and coaches are required to have a face covering that covers the nose and mouth at all times at an event.

In addition, on October 5, the MI Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued an order that keeps in place the orders for facial coverings and provides opportunities for schools to increase the number of spectators allowed at events. Fenton Schools will not be instituting any increases in spectator seating until October 9, 2020.

As has been reported (incorrectly in many places), schools cannot automatically increase spectator capacities to 500 indoors and 1,000 outdoors. The seating capacities are based on a percentage of fixed seats in each specific venue.

Therefore, each venue at FAPS will have a different capacity limit. For some sports and levels, FAPS will continue to hand out tickets ahead of time to participants, while others will not and we will just allow ticket purchases at the gates. Remember FAPS is still charging the standard HS and MS fees of \$5 and \$3 respectively for regular season

contests. MHSAA Tournament fees start at \$6 for HS events. Some of our opponents will not charge and others will, so be prepared to pay admission for each event you attend.

Here's a breakdown (as of 10/7/20) of which events will be ticketed events and which will not be, **STARTING October 9, 2020:** 

## **High School Events:**

- Cross Country Venue specific, may need a ticket
- F/JV Football Home events open to any, not to exceed 750. Away venue specific, tickets TBD.
- Varsity Football Home and Away Ticketed event
- Soccer (turf field): Home Open to anyone, not to exceed 600, Away venue specific
- Soccer (grass field) Home 2 tickets per participant
- Swimming: 2 tickets per participant
- Volleyball (Dual matches): Home Open to anyone, not to exceed 400, Away venue specific
- Volleyball (Quad matches) Home ticketed event, number TBD, Away venue specific

## **AGS Sports:**

- Girls Basketball: Home & Away Ticketed event 2 per participant
- Cross Country Venue specific, may need a ticket
- Football/Cheer: Home & Away Open to anyone, not to exceed 750

If any of this information changes, we will do our best to get it out to parents and participants as soon as possible.

Yours in Educational Athletics, Michael Bakker, CMAA Athletic Director