



BCIAA

**BERKS COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

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FALL 2020 SEASON UPDATE

In light of the federal court ruling and letter issued by PIAA Executive Director, Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, on Friday, September 18, 2020, the BCIAA is updating their spectator policy. Dr. Lombardi's letter states:

For your consideration:

- 1) PDE's request that schools voluntarily adhere to the 25 and 250 caps recognizes that they, at least for the moment, are not mandatory and adherence is up to each school.
- 2) In light of Judge Stickman's ruling that the 25/250 limits are unconstitutionally overbroad, discussion with your school board and local solicitor is appropriate so that each school considers all relevant factors in making its own decision to how many spectators to admit for a contest.
- 3) If schools decide to increase the 25/250 limits, they should exercise caution and good judgment in setting numbers for attendance at indoor and outdoor sports. We would advise schools to apply common sense in allowing parents to see their sons and daughters play water polo and girls' volleyball where the 25 person limit cannot be complied with without separating teammates.
- 4) The attendance of families at contests for support and supervision is important and that permitting this to occur should be the priority in setting limits.
- 5) We would urge schools to use common sense in developing their entry numbers and ensure the use of face masks and social distancing as referenced by the current mitigation orders.

Thank you.

Bob Lombardi

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BCIAA schools will now have direct control over their own spectator attendance policy. Entry numbers to events may increase depending on the school district's ability to safely admit fans per established CDC guidelines. School districts will publish, on their website, and communicate with opposing schools of their policies and procedures.

Ticket vouchers may still be used to alleviate walk up sales. In the event a voucher would not be used, schools must communicate that to the opposing school.

The BCIAA asks that everyone please follow the PIAA Guidelines established for spectators, including socially distancing and the use of masks. The BCIAA website (www.bciaa.org) contains more information on the Fall season, COVID-19 precautions as well as information on how each member school plans on live streaming their events this Fall.

Thank you for your cooperation to make this the best season possible for our student-athletes.

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