



NBISD COVID-19 ATHLETIC GUIDELINES



THE NEW BRAUNFELS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INCLUDING NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL, NEW BRAUNFELS NINTH GRADE CENTER, NEW BRAUNFELS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OAK RUN MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL FOLLOW ALL STATE, COUNTY, LOCAL, TEA, UIL AND NBISD PROTOCOLS.

THESE LINKS COVER ALL OF THE DETAILS AND INFORMATION.

<https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19/2020-2021-uil-covid-19-risk-mitigation-guidelines>

<https://www.uiltexas.org/files/policy/2020-21-TentativeSportsSeasonDates.pdf>

<https://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/junior-high>

GENERAL PERSONNEL POLICY

ALL ATHLETIC PERSONNEL WILL FOLLOW NBISD GUIDELINES INCLUDING:

- SELF-SCREEN REPORTING
- FACIAL COVERING DIRECTIVES WHEN AROUND STUDENTS
- SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICIES
- DETAILED PRACTICE PLANS FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE NEEDED FOR CONTACT TRACING
- SANITATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES DAILY.

FOOTBALL / FIELD HOUSE PROTOCOLS

ENTRY AND EXIT FACILITY- All athletes should wear a face covering at all times, unless the athlete is actively exercising. Unicorn football players will enter through the HOME stadium entrance. Players will enter their locker room through the back door of the locker room. Players will exit the locker room out the back door of the locker room and exit through the HOME stadium exit.

REQUIRED SCREENING- All staff will be required to self-screen and take their temperature (<100°F) for Covid-19. Students will Self-Screen Weekly through the Rank One APP. This is the same process we use for Strength and Conditioning. Parents or Visitors will need to be Covid-19 screen before they are allowed to access any areas on campus.

FIELDHOUSE AND LOCKER ROOM PROCEEDURES- We will have hand sanitizer, soap and readily available in these areas. These areas will be sanitized at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. Coaches will sanitize their lockers and football equipment each day. A Coach will be assigned to monitor each locker room to ensure athletes are following protocols. All athletes will be required to wear face coverings inside the locker room other than the shower.

LAUNDRY PROCEEDURES- Players will be required to take home all of their cloth items and wash them and bring them back daily.



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BUS TRANSPORTATION- Athletes will be transported to games two to a seat with their face covering on. Hand sanitizer will be available as athletes get onto the bus. Windows on the bus will be down, as long as weather permits.

PRACTICE PROCEDURES- Athletes will be required to have all of their practice equipment and a royal blue or white Gaiter Mask to wear during practice and games. Players will bring their own water container to practice each day (> 1 gal.). All football equipment used at practice will be sanitized after use.

FOOTBALL GAME DAY PROCEDURES

- Athletes must wear a face covering during the game unless they are on the field playing.
- Fan and spectators will not be allowed on the field and all fans/spectators must wear a face covering.
- All fans must exit the stadium after the contest.
- Parents will need to wait for their athlete outside the stadium gates.
- No loitering will be allowed by the concession stand area.

VOLLEYBALL / BASKETBALL / GYM SPORTS PROTOCOL

ENTRY AND EXIT FACILITY- Athletes will enter/exit locker rooms and gym through the locker room hallway outside of the gym. Visiting teams will be put in lower locker rooms. Officials will be put in the locker room as assigned by the Head Coach. All spectators and officials will enter and exit the gym through the Gym doors.

GYM AND LOCKER ROOM PROCEDURES- Hand sanitizer and soap will be readily available in these areas. These areas will be sanitized at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day by our custodial staff. Coaches will sanitize the lockers and any equipment used daily. A Coach will be assigned to monitor each locker room to ensure athletes are following protocols. All athletes will be required to wear face coverings inside the locker room other than the shower.

LAUNDRY PROCEDURES- Players will be required to take home all of their clothing items and wash them daily. This includes uniforms.

PRACTICE PROCEDURES- All athletes should wear a face covering at all times, unless the athlete is actively exercising or social distancing. Players will bring their own water container to practice each day.

GAME DAY PROCEDURES - Athletes must wear a face covering during the game unless they are on the court playing. Players will be required to bring their own water container to all games, home and away. The athletic trainers will set up a "refill station" in each gym for athletes to refill their water if needed for home games.



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NBISD SPORTS MEDICINE SERVICES (ADOPTED FROM HOUSTON METHODIST)

In order to maximize space and safely accommodate athletes being evaluated and treated, access to the Athletic Training Clinic will be limited compared to years past. Patients will continue to sign in via Rank One for each visit and all entrants will be screened, which includes having their temperature taken upon entry.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS INCLUDE:

- Screening of athletes will be completed by staff athletic trainers.
- The use of hand sanitizer or washing upon entry and exit of the facility.
- Athletic trainers will wear appropriate PPE, including masks.
- Students will need to enter from the interior (front) clinic door and exit from the rear (outside).
- Doors will remain locked and signs will be posted to remind of PPE and sanitation requirements.
- In-season athletes will be given priority for rehab and treatment times to reflect their practice/competition scheduled. Out-of-season athletes will need to make an appointment via email.
- No outside visitors, unless they are essential to care and screened. This includes parents and coaches.
- Opposing teams will not have access to the Athletic Training Clinic for anything outside of urgent or emergent injury.

DISTANCING PROCEDURES:

- Where needed, furniture will be moved or blocked off to help ensure proper distancing.
- Signs will be posted and verbal reminders will be given to remind athletes to social distance.

HYDRATION FOR TEAMS:

Hydration services will be much more limited than in the past. For inside and limited contact sports, teams will rely on players bringing personal water bottles. There will be limited availability for refilling to occur so insulated containers of 64 oz. or greater are recommended. Student aides will be trained in proper asepsis technique in order to help ensure safety for both players and themselves.

TREATMENT PRECAUTIONS:

- Both clinician and patient will be required to wear masks for the duration of the visit.
- Disposable gloves will be worn when evaluating or treating athletes and hand sanitization will be utilized between patients.
- Athletes will be required to wash hands upon entry to the AT Clinic.
- Athletic Trainers will sanitize tables and equipment between patients.

CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS EXHIBITING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

When screening, it is entirely likely that some individual will present with symptoms. In this case, the athletic trainer will initiate all necessary steps to respond. This includes alerting the proper personnel for contact tracing of the infected person.



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POSITIVE RESPONSE TO SYMPTOM SCREEN

- Athlete or staff member will be referred to their Primary Care Physician.
- Positive cases will be reported to the county health department via the school nursing staff, whom will assist in contact tracing and school reporting.

CONTACT TRACING

- Rosters and practice plans will be utilized to identify those individuals that may have been exposed.
- Exposed individuals will be notified of their exposure and then advised to quarantine themselves.

RETURN TO SPORT OR PLAY

Aside from the known respiratory complications from COVID-19, the potential cardiovascular risks must be considered. It is unclear if cardiopulmonary effects are present. What is known is that myocardial injury can lead to scarring and subsequently fatal arrhythmias.

According to UIL any athlete being treated or monitored for COVID-19 will need written clearance from their treating physician. This clearance *MUST* include explicit language regarding their participation in athletics.

Athlete may need a progressive return-to-play due to deconditioning and surveillance for prolonged symptoms or organ damage.



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STADIUM & GAME OPERATIONS

- Unicorn Stadium will operate at 50% capacity.
- Fans and Spectators will not be able to be seated in consecutive rows. (EVERY OTHER ROW)
- Fans and Spectators will self-screen for Covid-19 prior to purchasing a ticket to the game.
- Tickets will be limited and ALL General Admission for the Home and Visitor Side. First come, first served seating. Gates will open 1-hour prior to start time.
- Fans and Spectators are required to wear face coverings.
- Groups in the stands (no more than 10) must maintain 6ft. apart.
- Signage will be posted throughout the stadium reminding to maintain social distancing and requiring masks be worn at all times.

GYM & GAME OPERATIONS

- Unicorn Gym will operate at 50 % capacity
- Fans and Spectators will not be able to be seated in consecutive rows. (EVERY OTHER ROW)
- Tickets will be limited and ALL General Admission for the Home and Visitor Side. First come, first served seating. Doors/Gates will open 1 hour prior to start time.
- Fans and Spectators will self-screen for Covid-19 prior to purchasing a ticket to the game.
- Fans and Spectators are required to wear face coverings.
- Groups in the stands (no more than 10) must maintain 6ft. apart.
- Signage will be posted throughout the stadium reminding to maintain social distancing and requiring masks be worn at all times.
- Bleachers and common surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected by custodial staff after the contest. Coaches will disinfect equipment after games (balls, chairs, etc.).
- Parents will need to wait for their athlete outside of the school and will be required to leave the gym upon the end of the contest.
- No loitering in the gym will be allowed.

STUDENT GROUPS

Student groups such as marching band, cheerleaders, drill teams and other groups approved by the school district may attend by abiding the following rules:

1. These groups should remain separate from the game or contest participants at all times.
2. Student group must wear face masks.
3. These students should maintain appropriate distancing from the game and contest participants at all times, including when on the sideline.

CONCESSION STANDS

- Screening protocols should be followed for all concession stand workers.
- Workers are required to wear face coverings and follow proper food handling procedures.
- Condiments or flatware in single use, individually wrapped items will only be allowed. This includes but is not limited to mustard, ketchup, salt and pepper, etc.
- Regularly clean and disinfect the food service counters and areas.
- No food preparation, such as nachos, popcorn, will be permitted.



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TICKETING PLAN FOR THE 2020 VARSITY FOOTBALL SEASON

THERE WILL BE NO RESERVED TICKETS SOLD THIS YEAR.

ALL TICKETS WILL BE GENERAL ADMISSION WITH FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE SEATING.

DUE TO UIL REGULATIONS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES REQUIRED NBHS UNICORN STADIUM WILL BE SEATING EVERY OTHER ROW AND REQUIRING SEATING GROUPS (NO LARGER THAN 10) TO SOCIAL DISTANCE 6 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THEIR PARTY. FACEMASKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY ALL SPECTATORS AGES 5 YEARS & OLDER

UNICORN STADIUM CAPACITY – HOME SIDE: 1500 & VISITOR SIDE: 1000

****NO PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED** - EVERY PERSON MUST HAVE A TICKET**

THE ONLY PASS EXCEPTIONS ARE LISTED BELOW.

ALL PASS HOLDERS MUST ENTER THROUGH THE HOME SIDE PASS GATE OR VISITOR MAIN GATE

***GOLDEN UNICORN PASS**

***27-6A UIL DISTRICT PASS & GUEST**

***THSCA / TGCA / THSADA PASS**

***COACHING SCOUTS**

- o Must have THSCA card and enter through the pass gate
- o Limit 4 Coaches from school for the following week
- o No press box seating

***NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ONLY**

- o No Guests – Must present badge!

TICKET PURCHASE INFORMATION & SCHEDULE – PRE-GAME TICKETS

All Pre-Game Varsity Football Tickets can ONLY be purchased ONLINE (EXCEPTION IS NBHS STUDENTS – SEE BELOW)

General Admission Tickets will be sold for both HOME side and VISITOR side
You must sit on the side you purchase your ticket – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THE WEEK OF THE HOME GAME.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY LISTED BELOW AT THE NBISD TICKETING WEBSITE ~ <https://new-braunfels-isd.brushfire.com/new-braunfels-high-school>

EXAMPLE: Tickets will go on sale for the Sequin vs NB starting September 29 and will follow the schedule below.

ONLINE ADULT TICKETS - \$7.00 (plus fee) * ONLINE STUDENT TICKETS - \$3.00(plus fee)

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Participant Family Limit 2 Tickets	Season Ticket Holders Limit 2 Tickets	All Unicorn Fans Limit 2 Tickets	All Unicorn Fans No Limit

Participants include – Varsity FB, Band, Varsity Cheer, Monoceras, Blue Crew, Unicorn Handlers, and ROTC
Participants will receive the information on how to purchase allotted tickets via their Coach / Sponsor

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Please note: The NBHS Athletic Field House is **CLOSED** for PRE-SALE Tickets to the Public. After Friday at 3:00 PM and if tickets / capacity REMAIN and ALLOW, tickets will be sold at the Unicorn stadium gates starting at 6:30 pm

NBHS STUDENT TICKET INFORMATION

NBHS STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE (1) STUDENT TICKET AT THE NBHS FIELD HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY FROM 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM ONLY!

STUDENT TICKETS WILL BE \$3.00 - CASH ONLY – NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON FRIDAYS
STUDENTS MUST SHOW ID AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PURCHASE ADULT TICKETS.

**ALL 2020 VARSITY FOOTBALL GAMES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND
WILL BE BROADCAST ON THE NBISD YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

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TICKETING PLAN FOR THE 2020 SUB VARSITY FOOTBALL & SOCCER

ALL TICKETS WILL BE GENERAL ADMISSION WITH FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE SEATING.

DUE TO UIL REGULATIONS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES REQUIRED NBHS UNICORN STADIUM WILL BE SEATING EVERY OTHER ROW AND REQUIRING SEATING GROUPS (NO LARGER THAN 10) TO SOCIAL DISTANCE 6 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THEIR PARTY. FACEMASKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY ALL SPECTATORS AGES 5 YEARS & OLDER

UNICORN STADIUM CAPACITY – HOME SIDE: 1500 & VISITOR SIDE: 1000

****NO PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED** - EVERY PERSON MUST HAVE A TICKET**

THE ONLY PASS EXCEPTIONS ARE LISTED BELOW.

ALL PASS HOLDERS MUST ENTER THROUGH THE HOME SIDE PASS GATE OR VISITOR MAIN GATE

- *GOLDEN UNICORN PASS
- *27-6A UIL DISTRICT PASS & GUEST
- *THSCA / TGCA / THSADA PASS
- *NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ONLY
 - No Guests – Must present badge!

NBHS SUB VARSITY FOOTBALL & SOCCER TICKET INFORMATION

- No Limit on tickets per game participant
- Tickets will only be sold at the gates

TICKETS PRICES

ADULT - \$5.00

STUDENT - \$2.00

CASH ONLY – TICKETS SOLD AT THE GATES
NO PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE

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TICKETING PLAN FOR THE 2020 NBHS GYM SPORTS (VB, BB, GBB)

ALL TICKETS WILL BE GENERAL ADMISSION WITH FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE SEATING.

DUE TO UIL REGULATIONS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES REQUIRED NBHS UNICORN GYMS WILL BE SEATING EVERY OTHER ROW AND REQUIRING GROUPS (NO LARGER THAN 10) TO SOCIAL DISTANCE 6 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THEIR PARTY.

FACEMASKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY ALL SPECTATORS AGES 5 YEARS & OLDER

NBHS UNICORN GYM CAPACITY – MAIN GYM: 400 & LOWER GYM: 75

NBHS MAIN GYM VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL TICKET INFORMATION

- Participant families only
- 4 tickets per game participant
- Tickets will only be sold at the gates
- Both Home & Visiting Team participant Head Coaches will need to provide rosters to the Ticket Gate prior to the game for ticket purchasing verification.
- Students may purchase tickets at the gate but must show their Student ID

NBHS AUX GYM VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL TICKET INFORMATION

- Participant families only
- 2 tickets per game participant
- Tickets will only be sold at the gates
- Both Home & Visiting Team participant Head Coaches will need to provide rosters to the Ticket Gate prior to the game for ticket purchasing verification.
- No student tickets will be available for the Aux gym.

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***27-6A UIL DISTRICT PASS & GUEST**

***THSCA / TGCA / THSADA PASS**

***COACHING SCOUTS**

- Must have THSCA card
- Limit 4 Coaches from school for the following week

***NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ONLY**

- No Guests – Must present badge!

TICKETS PRICES

ADULT - \$5.00

STUDENT - \$2.00

CASH ONLY – TICKETS SOLD AT THE GATES

NO PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE

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TICKETING PLAN FOR THE 2020 MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

ALL TICKETS WILL BE GENERAL ADMISSION WITH FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE SEATING.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

- NBISD Athletic Facilities will observe 50% capacity with social distancing at all times.
- Face masks will be required to be worn at all times by all spectators ages 5 years & older
- Groups of spectators should remain 6 feet apart
- A group is defined as up to 10 people in a family or traveling together
- Spectators must complete self-check for COVID-19 symptoms before entering ANY NBISD facility
- Sanitizer will be provided at gates
- **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED**
- **NO PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED** - EVERY PERSON MUST HAVE A TICKET**

THE ONLY PASS EXCEPTIONS ARE AS LISTED BELOW

- **GOLDEN UNICORN PASS**
- **27-6A UIL DISTRICT PASS & GUEST**
- **THSCA / TGCA / THSADA PASS**
- **CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF ONLY**
 - No Guests – Must present badge!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

- Participant families only
- Up to 2 tickets per game participant
- Both Home & Visiting Team participant Head Coaches will need to provide rosters to the Ticket Gate prior to the game for ticket purchasing verification.
- Students may purchase tickets at the gate but must show their Student ID
- Spectators may want to bring portable seating to maximize distancing and capacities.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL

- Participant families only
- 4 tickets per game participant
- Tickets will only be sold at the gates
- Both Home & Visiting Team participant Head Coaches will need to provide rosters to the Ticket Gate prior to the game for ticket purchasing verification.
- Students may purchase tickets at the gate but must show their Student ID

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS

- No tickets for tennis.
- Reference GENERAL GUIDELINES

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

- No tickets for Cross Country
- Reference GENERAL GUIDELINES

TICKET PRICES – MIDDLE SCHOOL

\$4.00 – ADULT

\$2.00 STUDENT (GRADES - K-12th)

CASH ONLY – TICKETS SOLD AT THE GATES
NO PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE.

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