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PO Fall Sports Fan/Spectator Guidelines:

Due to the recent recommendation from the PIAA, PA Department of Health, and the Governor's Office, a limited number of fans/spectators will be permitted to attend outdoor athletic events. The total number for any outdoor venue is capped at **250** attendees. This includes participants, band, cheerleaders, and game staff. High school football obviously creates the most difficulty in determining who can attend games. Currently, the Mountain League Athletic Conference is only allowing home fans/spectators at football games due to the limited number permitted to attend. Home tickets for football will be issued prior to the contest, and only those fans/spectators with a valid ticket will gain entry. Fans/spectators who do not possess a valid ticket will be denied entry to POASD grounds/facilities to ensure that we are complying with all state and local health guidelines. Noncompliance could result in consequences ranging from stoppage of play and sanctions against the PO team to having to forfeit a contest. Fans/spectators attending PO home events will be required to wear a mask, undergo temperature checks prior to entry, and must adhere to all Covid-19 guidelines for social distancing which require 6 feet spacing from any other fans/spectators who are not family members.

All other outdoor athletic events such as golf, soccer, and cross country must also adhere to the 250 fan/spectator limit, and access to events will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Volleyball, which is played indoors, will not be allowing any spectators as they are under the maximum of 25 persons permitted per contest.

While we all may not agree with how fall sports are being handled at this time, we believe that abiding by all guidelines set forth by state and local health agencies, will afford our student athletes the best chance of getting to compete and have a successful sports season. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this ongoing crisis and will make every attempt to furnish up to date information as it becomes available from the PIAA, PA Department of Health, and the Governor's Office.

Sincerely,
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