

SPORTS VENUE GUIDELINES

The Custer School District brought games back to our gym and football field. The Custer School District was the lone voice in Yellowstone County trying to control our own destiny by allowing fans at our games prior to the ruling by the County Health Department to bar fans. Fortunately, they reversed the ruling. We always felt our fans would cooperate within the rules so they could watch the teams. The opposition to allowing fans at the games was the fear of a lack of cooperation by fans.

Our focus is on the athletes and keeping the venues open to the extent possible for fans. Our current plans do not limit the home fan attendance. Compliance with the rules helps maintain the unrestricted attendance of home fans. We want to focus on our athletes, not on compliance issues. To facilitate this, we need your cooperation.

The normalization of sports to the extent possible, given the restrictions by MHSAA and Governor Bullock, is our focus. The Yellowstone County Health has given us permission to control our own home game venues within the MHSAA rules and Governor's Orders. Therefore, our constraints are the pandemic, Governor Orders, and MHSAA. All three have ramifications on our functions. Our teams, staff, and fans must follow the rules. The consequences for not following the rules can include the suspension of the team's season. **There are teams that have been suspended. We are not willing to risk this.** Fans must follow the rules or risk the suspension of play until fans comply as required by MHSAA. We don't want that to be an issue in Custer or at postseason play.

We have had some pushback on this from a few fans. If you do not want to comply, please do not attend the games. We are charged with enforcement. It is not an option for the school. We respectfully ask that all fans respect the policy and those who are susceptible to the illness. We have even received some complaints about those who are not complying. **Those do not comply will not be allowed entrance and will be asked to leave.** We simply do this so the fans may see the athletes play. We will not debate the validity of the policy. We are here to focus on our athletes.

GYM VENUE GUIDELINES

1. Social distancing is the first priority. Because of that, we ask that you sit in family units, distanced to the extent possible.
2. **Masks are required for everyone in the building. We ask that the mask is worn correctly over the mouth and nose at all times. The only exception is when someone is eating or drinking. Even then, the mask cannot be off for an extended time; it must be off just long enough to eat. (Eating cannot be used as an excuse to keep the mask off for an extended time.)**
3. We will use one entrance, one concession stand, and one set of bathrooms.
4. Once the games are over, we ask that you exit and wait for the athletes in your cars or outside.
5. Visitors must submit a maximum of two family members per athlete/coach 24 hours in advance to the Custer Schools.

See the back for Football Venue Guidelines

FOOTBALL FIELD VENUE GUIDELINES

1. Social Distancing is encouraged. According to the Governor's Order, if distancing is not maintained, and the crowd is greater than 50, masks are required even outside. **We also request that household members sit together, physically distanced from members of other households whether related or not. Since our crowds are larger than 50, it is required that masks are worn when social distance is not maintained. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times.**
2. There is no limit on fan numbers.
3. There is one entrance, one set of bathrooms, and one concession stand.
4. There will be no greeting lines before or after the games. **This means that the teams will not go down the sideline after the game.**

We all look forward to the time that the restrictions are lifted.