



***Following Governor Doug Burgum's statewide status change to yellow, Bismarck Public Schools has adjusted attendance guidelines for the winter season and intends to follow the [NDHSAA regular season attendance guidelines](#) for the yellow phase. These guidelines call for 50% of capacity with a total number of spectators not to exceed either 500 or 750 people depending on the tier and go into effect beginning Friday, January 8th at 8am.***

To view venue capacities as well as the maximum number of spectators allowed at facilities used for BPS events under the NDHSAA guidance, [please click here](#).

### **Ticketed Events:**

#### **Basketball:**

Ticket sales for basketball games will be limited to the first 750 tickets sold. Individuals purchasing tickets for others will be limited to no more than two per person unless your party is in attendance at the time of the purchase. BPS reserves the right to voucher games where projected attendance may exceed the 750 person capacity. In these instances, vouchers will be distributed to teams in advance with remaining tickets available for purchase at the door.

#### **Hockey:**

**VFW:** Vouchers will be used for games against in town opponents. For these games, athletes will receive vouchers and the remaining 350 tickets will be available to the public on a first come, first served basis. For games against out of town teams, ticket sales will be limited to the first 650 tickets sold. Individuals purchasing tickets for others will be limited to no more than two per person unless your party is in attendance at the time of the purchase.

**Capital Ice Complex:** Vouchers will be used for games against in town opponents. For these games, athletes will receive vouchers and the remaining 150 tickets will be available to the public on a first come, first served basis. For games against out of town teams, ticket sales will be limited to the first 250 tickets sold. Individuals purchasing tickets for others will be limited to no more than two per person unless your party is in attendance at the time of the purchase.

**Wrestling:** Ticket sales for wrestling contests will be limited to the first 750 tickets sold. Individuals purchasing tickets for others will be limited to no more than two per person unless your party is in attendance at the time of the purchase.

**Gymnastics:** Vouchers will be used for gymnastics. The capacity limitation is 162. Each school will receive vouchers from the BPS Activities office.

**Dance:** Ticket sales for dance competitions will be limited to the first 750 tickets sold. Individuals purchasing tickets for others will be limited to no more than two per person unless your party is in attendance at the time of the purchase.

**Swimming:** Ticket sales for events held at the BSC Aquatic Center will be limited to the first 333 tickets sold. Individuals purchasing tickets for others will be limited to no more than two per person unless your party is in attendance at the time of the purchase.

**Concerts/Fine Arts:** Based upon the event, vouchers may still be used depending on the space used and the number of participants. Information will be shared with students by their instructors and will be indicated in the comments of the online schedule for the event.

**Other Schools:** Attendance procedures at schools throughout the state may vary with some schools continuing to issue vouchers and in some instances, attendance being restricted or fans not being allowed. Please check with your coach prior to going out of town.



**Additional Ticketing Information:** Tickets available for sale at the location of the event will be available no more than 45 minutes prior to the first contest that evening on a **first come, first served basis**. Individuals purchasing tickets in advance of a later game will be limited to no more than two per person unless your party is in attendance at the time of the purchase. Once the allotment of tickets for the evening is sold, the only other ticket sales taking place will be to those individuals with vouchers from an athlete.

**Non-ticketed Events (High school basketball not held in conjunction with varsity basketball, Middle School Sports):**

- **High School Sub-Varsity Basketball:** BPS asks that spectators generally be limited to no more than four spectators, especially when contests are held in the auxiliary high school gymnasium.
- **Middle School Sports:** BPS continues to ask that spectators be limited to no more than two individuals per athlete whenever possible as some of these venues are much smaller in seating capacity than those at the high school level.

**Masks/Social Distancing:**

NDHSAA **requires** the use of masks for all spectators at all contests. BPS also **requires** that patrons maintain appropriate social distancing from other groups while in attendance.

**Live Streaming:**

When possible, games will be livestreamed throughout the WDA conference. Please check the live streaming page on the WDA Sports webpage ([www.wdasports.org](http://www.wdasports.org)) or the [BPS Live Stream Page](#) for links to games. Bismarck Public Schools has installed live stream cameras in the main gyms at Bismarck, Century and Legacy High Schools as well as at the MDU Resources Community Bowl and the Dakota Community Bank and Trust Field at the Sanford Sports Complex. Sponsorship from the Bismarck Public Schools Foundation, Cedric Theel Toyota and DK Orthodontics has made these streams available for free to the public for all regular season contests at these locations. Users will need to create a free account to access the streams. Please note that all postseason events will require a subscription of \$10.99/month or a yearly subscription for \$69.99. For those events hosted at venues without a live stream camera, we will make our best efforts to stream those contests as best we can.

We hope these limitations will be short lived so that we can return to a more normal experience for our kids and our fans. However, it will take a collective effort by everyone to make that happen. Please work with us to make these adjustments so further limitations may be avoided. We will continue to monitor the directives and guidelines of the NDDoH, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, and the WDA, and will provide more information as it becomes available.

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