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Eufaula City Schools' Home Football Guidance 2020

Covid-19 Response Eufaula City Schools, with guidance from the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA), Alabama Department of Education (ALSDE), and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has developed the following plan for home football games 2020. The plan includes the guidance and recommendations of health officials; it is strongly aligned to the guidelines that have been provided by state and federal leaders. It is designed to help schools prioritize the health and safety of student athletes, participants, and spectators.

EHS will continue to provide guidance and recommendations to schools on navigating the academic, physical, social, and emotional effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on all. This is a “fluid” plan and may change given a moment's notice.

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Important Documents

- [Stay At Home Order](#)

- Page 6, Item 9
- Note Page 7, Item 11 pertains to athletics

- [Adult Guidance Regarding Athletic Activities](#)

- Note Page 5
- Note [Restaurants/Bars](#) (Concessions) Reference
- [AHSAA Guidance and Best Practices for Football 2020](#)

Stay At Home Order

- Page 6, Item 9 - Athletic facilities: Effective May 11, 2020, athletic facilities, such as fitness centers and commercial gyms, spas, and yoga, barre, and spin facilities shall comply with the following rules:
 - Social distancing.
 - (i) Employees shall not knowingly allow patrons or guests to congregate within six feet of a person from another household.
 - (ii) Employees shall not knowingly allow patrons or guests to participate in athletic activities in violation of paragraph 11.
 - (iii) Employees shall take reasonable steps to prevent people from congregating in lobby areas, break rooms, and other common areas.
 - Limits on Facility Access
 - An athletic facility shall limit facility occupancy to 50 percent of the normal occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal. Athletic facilities shall also prohibit patrons and guests from accessing hot tubs, steam rooms, saunas, and other recreational water or spa facilities. Pools may be open subject to the social-distancing rules of this paragraph.
 - Facial Coverings
 - Each employee shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times while in regular interaction with clients or guests.
 - Sanitation
 - An athletic facility shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.
 - In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, operators of athletic facilities are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Athletic Facilities," available at this link.
- Page 7, Item 11 Athletic activities
 - Effective May 22, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., persons attending or participating in athletic activities shall comply with the following rules:
 - Permitted team activities

- From May 22, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., until June 14, 2020, participation in team athletic activities is limited to practices that involve conditioning, skill drills, and similar activities, subject to the rules of this paragraph.

- Beginning June 15, 2020, participation in team athletic activities may proceed in any respect subject to the rules of this paragraph.

- Social Distancing

- Players, coaches, officials, and spectators shall not congregate within 6 feet of a person from another household except to the extent necessary—and only to the extent necessary—for players, coaches, and officials to directly participate in the athletic activity.

- Players, coaches, officials, and spectators shall refrain from high fives, handshakes, and other physical contact except to the extent necessary—and only to the extent necessary—for players, coaches, and officials to directly participate in the athletic activity.

- Facial Coverings

- Unless an exception to paragraph 2's facial-covering requirement would apply, players, coaches, officials, and spectators shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times while within six feet of a person from another household except when a player or official is directly participating in the athletic activity.

- Sanitation

- Players, coaches, and officials shall not share water coolers, drinking stations, water bottles, cups, or other drinking devices. Organizers of athletic activities shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.

- For purposes of this paragraph, “athletic activities” means “sports that involve interaction with another person of closer than six feet” and “activities that require use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment.”

- In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, persons attending or participating in athletic activities are strongly encouraged to comply with any guidelines adopted by the relevant governing organization, if one exists for the athletic activity in question, to the extent those guidelines

are consistent with the requirements of this paragraph.

- In addition, organizers of athletic activities are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Adult and Youth Athletic Activities," available at [this link](#).

AHSAA Guidance and Best Practices In support of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities, the NFHS Football Editorial Committee offers this document for state associations to consider whether any possible rules could be altered for the 2020 football season. The modifications outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment.

1. Team Box (Rule 1-2-3g)

- a. The team (players only) box will be extended on both sides of the field to the 10-yard lines, (coaches will continue to be restricted from 25 to 25-yard lines), in order for more social-distancing space for teams.

2. Face Masks [Rule 1-5-1a, 1-5-3c (4)]

- a. Cloth face coverings are permissible.
- b. Plastic shields covering the entire face (unless integrated into the face mask and attached to the helmet and clear without the presence of any tint) shall NOT be allowed during the contest.

3. Gloves (Rule 1-5-2b)

- a. Gloves are permissible but still must comply with Rule 1-5-2b by meeting either the NOCSAE Standard or the SFIA Specification.

4. Charged Time-Outs and Authorized Conferences (Rules 2-6-2, 3-5-3, 3-5-8)

- a. Charged time-outs will be extended to a maximum of two minutes in length.
- b. It will be permissible for more than one coach to be involved in the conference and for technology (headsets) to be used.

5. Intermission between periods and after scoring (Rule 3-5-7I)

- a. The intermission between periods (first/second and third/fourth) as well as the time period following a try, successful field goal or safety and prior to the succeeding free kick will also be extended to a maximum of two minutes.

6. Coin Toss Captain (3-2-2)

- a. Only one captain from each team may be present at the coin toss with the Referee and Umpire. The same procedure will be utilized for overtime.

The following are NFHS best practices.

1. Individuals should maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times while in the team box.
2. Individuals should not share uniforms, towels, and other apparel and equipment.
3. The ball should be cleaned and sanitized throughout the contest as recommended by the ball manufacturer. Ball handlers should maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times during the contest.
4. Officials may use an electronic whistle and wear cloth face coverings.
5. All individuals, including each player and official when brought out on the field during time outs, should have their own beverage container.
6. Suspend handshakes during the coin toss, pregame and postgame.
7. Players, coaches, team personnel, and game administration officials should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible.
8. Gloves and cloth face coverings are permissible for all coaches, team staff, and game administration officials.
9. Non-essential personnel should be restricted from the field during the contest.
10. If available, dressing facilities for game officials and teams should be large enough for them to use social distancing protocols and should be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their arrival.

Pregame Screening

- All participants should be screened prior to entering the event.
 - It is strongly recommended that all visiting and home participants, coaches, players, officials, have temperatures taken prior to travel.
 - Screening will include temperature check and questionnaire.
 - Questions are as follows:
 - Have you been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 in the last two weeks?
 - After the person's first day of reporting, the question will be: Have you been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 since the last time you were here?
 - Have you had a fever in the last two weeks or since your last time on campus?
 - Have any of the persons living in your household been around anyone with COVID-19 since your last time on campus or in the last two weeks?

- Persons with a temperature of greater than 100.4 °F may not participate in any manner and must immediately leave the premises.
 - Visiting and home teams are irrespectively responsible for screening all pertinent parties.
- A designated ECS staff member will screen, but not be limited to, the following persons: officiating crew, chain crew, press box personnel, and anyone else deemed necessary by Eufaula City Schools administrators.

Ticket Sales

- The seating capacity of Tiger Stadium is approximately 4,000.
- Eufaula City Schools will use a capacity cap of no more than 50%.
- Eufaula High School's first home game is August 28.
- All tickets will be purchased via [GoFan](#). Season tickets will be placed on sale for parents of participating students.
 - Participating students' parents may purchase at most five tickets.
- Tickets **MUST** be validated on site by authorized staff only.
 - Prevalidated tickets will **NOT** be accepted...
- For the time being, the home team's initial allotment is 1150 and the visiting team's is 550.
 - All necessary information will be sent to visiting schools by Eufaula High School's principal.
 - The link for the visiting school will open on the Saturday before the event.
 - After Wednesday of each home game, all tickets, home and visitors, will be open to the public.
- There are no free passes other than coaching and AASB cards.
- Social distanced persons may stand behind the hedges in the north/south endzone.
- Households must sit together.
- Masks must be worn at all times while within 6 feet of any person from another household.

Bands

- Until further notice, EHS Band will no longer travel to away games.
- EHS home band will sit in a socially distanced area in the stands.
- Visiting bands will not be allowed at Tiger Stadium.

Home Cheerleaders and Dance Team Members

- Home cheerleaders will perform in the south endzone.
- The home dance team will perform in the north endzone.
- Visiting cheerleaders perform on the visitors' sidelines

from the 10 yard line to endline.

Sidelines, Media and Recruiters

- Only essential personnel are allowed on the sideline.
 - Two persons only from Encore
 - Former players may not stand on the sideline and must pay to enter.
- Media will be restricted to areas outside of the players' box.
- Visiting colleges and recruiting agencies must give prior notice, must remain outside the players' box, and may not pass through the players during the course of the game.
- Non-participants may not enter the field at any time.
- Fans may not approach the fence to speak to players at any time.

Press Box: Press box placement will be as follows.

- First Floor
 - Room 1 - Home Radio (2)
 - Room 2 - Visiting Radio (2)
 - Room 3 - Refs - Clock operator, Scorer (3) Announcer and Spotter (2) Music (1)
 - Room 4 - Visiting Coaches (2)
 - Room 5 - Home News (2)
- Second Floor
 - Home Film Crew
 - Home Coaches
 - Visiting Film Crew

Locker Rooms

- The home team will utilize the home locker room.
- The visiting team is encouraged to travel dressed.
 - Visitors will have access to the visitor locker room adjacent to Tiger Stadium.
- Hot water and showers are in good condition.
- Hand sanitizing machines will be placed in the room.

Officials' Locker Room

- Hot water and showers are in good condition.
- Change space is adequate.

- Cased-bottled-water will be used.
- Disposable shop towels will be used for persons to wipe down.
- Hand sanitizing machines will be placed in the room.

Entrance Guidance

- While under the Governor's order, all persons entering Tiger Stadium will wear an appropriate face covering.