

Brentwood Athletics

Spectator Attendance and Live Streaming Procedures for the 2020-2021 Season

The 2020-2021 athletic/activity season has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of national, state, and local guidelines and restrictions, new procedures are needed to manage athletic events. The Brentwood Borough School District and the Brentwood Athletic Department have put safety plans in place for the protection of all stakeholders. This document will outline and define how we will manage spectator attendance and live streaming of events for the 2020-2021 season.

Background

Currently, the state and local restrictions for attendance for events is as follows:

- **Outdoor Gatherings:** Allegheny County has set a limit of 100 individuals for outdoor events. However, under guidance from the Allegheny County Health Department, organizations may have separate “pods” that may not exceed 100 people per pod, and the total capacity may not exceed 250 people.
- **Indoor Gatherings:** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County have set a limit of 25 people for indoor events. This guidance is limited to a total of 25 people per indoor event.

These restrictions are subject to change and the Brentwood Borough School District will evaluate and modify procedures based on changes made at the national, state, and local levels.

Spectator Attendance for Outdoor Events

Brentwood High School offers the following athletic and activity programs that take place in an outdoor venue: Band, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, and Track and Field.

For the purposes of spectator attendance at these events keeping the total number of individuals at 250, the following procedures will be followed:

- Both teams/activity and all team/activity personnel will be considered first in the count. All players, participants, coaches, directors, trainers, medical staff, managers, and chaperones will be considered “essential” game personnel. These individuals are necessary for the scheduled event to take place.
- All officials will be counted as “essential” game personnel. All officials scheduled by the WPIAL/PIAA are essential for the event to be certified. This will also include, but not limited to, chain crews or any other persons needed to support the officiating of the event.

- Brentwood Borough School District/Brentwood Borough personnel will be counted as “essential” game personnel and will be the next group counted towards the total. This group includes, but is not limited to: Brentwood Borough School District administrators, Brentwood Borough School District approved staff, Brentwood Borough administrators, Brentwood Police, Brentwood Borough School District School Resource Officers and Security, Brentwood EMS, Brentwood Borough Public Works, ticket sellers, ticket takers, clock operator, PA announcer, game spotter, statistician, videographers, and/or any person deemed necessary for game/event operations.
- There are occasions where the media covers home events. If a Brentwood Borough School District game/event is chosen for coverage in local media through video broadcast or audio broadcast, this group will be considered next in the count. The Brentwood Borough School District recognizes the opportunity for our students and programs to be recognized in the local area is a benefit to our students and programs.
- Parents and families of participants will be permitted after all “essential” game personnel have been counted. Tickets and admission will be adjusted based on the total number of 250 and will vary by game/event.
- Students (as spectators) will be permitted after all “essential” game personnel, parents and families have been determined and the total number of persons in the outdoor facility is less than 250 people.
- Spectators from the visiting team will not be permitted until restrictions are changed.
- Once the 250-person limit has been met, spectator attendance will be limited or restricted based on this order.

Spectator Attendance for Indoor Events

Brentwood High School offers the following athletic and activity programs that take place in an indoor venue which are: Band, Boys Basketball, Cheerleading, Girls Basketball, Swimming, and Volleyball.

For the purposes of spectator attendance at these events keeping the total number of individuals at 25, the following procedures will be followed:

- Both teams/activity and all team/activity personnel will be considered first in the count. All players, participants, coaches, directors, trainers, medical staff, managers, and chaperones will be considered “essential” game personnel.

These individuals are necessary for the scheduled event to take place. However, teams/activities will need to make necessary adjustments in order to maintain a total of 25 people within the indoor venue. This may include, but not limited to, limiting roster size or having reserve participants waiting in other area(s) that will be identified by the Brentwood Borough School District. Only “essential” participants needed for the game/activity to take place should be within the indoor venue.

- All officials will be counted as “essential” game personnel. All officials scheduled by the WPIAL/PIAA are essential for the event to be certified. Team/Activity personnel will be adjusted based on the needs of the officials to officiate the event.
- Brentwood Borough School District personnel will be counted as “essential” game personnel and will be the next group counted towards the total. This group includes but is not limited to scorekeeper(s), timers, videographers, and clock operator will be considered first in order to operate the event.

Others that may be considered, but may not be “essential” to the activity or event to take place will be Brentwood Borough School District administrators, Brentwood Borough School District approved staff, Brentwood Police, Brentwood Borough School District School Resource Officers and security, ticket sellers, ticket takers, PA announcer, or other staff deemed necessary for the event. This group will be permitted to be on Brentwood Borough School District property but may be limited inside the indoor event to maintain the 25-person limit.

- There are occasions where the media covers home events. If a Brentwood Borough School District game/event is chosen for coverage in local media through video broadcast or audio broadcast this group will be considered next in the count. The Brentwood Borough School District recognizes the opportunity for our students and programs to be recognized in the local area is a benefit to our students and programs. However, the media will only be considered at indoor games/activities providing all persons “essential” to operating the game/activity are within the 25-person limit.
- Parents and families of participants will be permitted after all “essential” game personnel have been counted. Tickets and admission will be adjusted based on the total number of 25 and will vary by game/event.
- Students (as spectators) will be permitted after all “essential” game personnel, parents and families have been determined and the total number of persons in the indoor facility is less than 25 people.

- Spectators from the visiting team will not be permitted until restrictions are changed.
- Once the 25-person limit has been met, spectator attendance will be limited or restricted based on this order.

Spectator Attendance at Visiting Sites

Policies and practices at other venues when Brentwood High School is the “visiting team” will vary depending on the school district and site. We are the “guest” at these facilities and will comply with the recommendations and policies that are communicated with the Brentwood Borough School District. It is likely that “away” events will be closed to visiting spectators. If spectators are permitted at “away” sites this will be communicated with the teams prior to the event. Please note, this is subject to the communication/information provided from the host site/school.

Live Streaming Events

The Brentwood Borough School District recognizes the difficulty for families, students, and fans of Brentwood Athletics to have limited or no attendance at our events/activities. The Brentwood Borough School District will “live stream” **home varsity events** when it is feasible to do so, and if there are state and local spectator limitations in place. There will be sports, activities, games and events where “live streaming” will not be possible. The Brentwood Borough School District reserves the right to determine what events will be live streamed.