



2020 WHHS Fall Athletics Varsity Football Game Day Guide

With COVID-19 safety guidelines in effect, please note some of the following protocols put in place at Walnut Hills School (Marx Stadium) for the safest environment for our student-athletes, staff, and spectators. Due to strict capacity limits, no passes will be accepted for any contests. All spectators will need a ticket.

Pre-game:

- Tailgating is not permitted. Anyone found tailgating will be asked to leave and will not be permitted to enter the stadium. Tailgating is defined as hosting or attending a social gathering at which an informal meal is served from the back of a parked vehicle, typically in the parking lot of a sports stadium. Tailgating is a direct violation of Governor DeWine's mandates and will not be tolerated in the Walnut Hills parking lot.
- The parking lot and stadium gates will both open promptly at 6pm.
- All seats are first come, first serve. There will be no reserved seats.
- Families should maintain social distancing while standing in line to enter the stadium.

Admission protocol:

- **THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AT THE GATE!**
- **AT THIS TIME NO SPECTATOR UNDER 18 WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY.**
- Only those spectators with pre-sale tickets will be permitted to enter.
- Due to capacity limitations, each visiting team will receive 120 tickets to be sold at their discretion to participants' family members.
- Due to capacity limitations, Walnut Hills athletes, managers, cheerleaders and band members will be able to purchase **two (2)** tickets.
- Tickets for Walnut Hills participants will be on sale during a scheduled time communicated to the head coach or band director.
- All tickets will be sold for \$8, and will only be available online for purchase.
 - Ticket link: will be shared with coaches directly to share with their program.
- Visiting teams' extra attendees including stats, TV/radio broadcasters, team trainers/doctors, etc. will need to be communicated in advance to the Walnut Hills Athletic Director. Please provide names and role for the team.
- Fans will be able to watch or listen to the game live. Visit www.walnuthillseagles.org/athletics to get the link to view or listen to the game.

Bus transportation:

- All team buses should drop off their players, coaches, and medical staff at the ambulance gate.
- At the conclusion of the game, visiting buses will be at the ambulance gate for pickup.

Locker Room:

- A locker room will not be provided to the visiting team, with access to bathrooms. Please have athletes arrive dressed and prepared to play. Restrooms will be made available on an as needed basis.



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Players & Coaches:

- All players and coaches are required to complete a COVID-19 symptom self-assessment prior to arriving at the stadium.
- All players and coaches should have their temperatures checked prior to arriving at the stadium.
- All players and coaches should check their temperature before attending the game. Anyone who has a temperature of 100.4 or higher should not attend the game.
- No one should be on school property who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive in the past 14 days.
- Players and coaches must be masked (covering nose and mouth) upon entry into the stadium.
- Players must be masked (covering nose **and** mouth) at all times when not actively engaged in activity, this includes the coin-toss, player introductions and the playing of the National Anthem.
- Players must be socially distanced at all times when not actively engaged in activity.
- Players must bring their own water bottles to the game. Players will have the ability to refill water bottles as needed.
- Coaches should be in masks (covering nose **and** mouth) when not communicating with athletes.
- Coaches must monitor and manage their players to ensure social distancing timeouts.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided on the field and throughout the facility. We ask that all players and coaches sanitize their hands upon entry and regularly during the event.
- Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, shall not return to sports activities until a **documented** medical exam is performed clearing the individual prior to the individual returning to practice or game. **The documented medical exam must specifically include an assessment of the cardiac risk of high intensity exercise due to the potential of Myocarditis occurring in COVID-19 patients.**

Halftime:

- Halftime will be shorted to 10 minutes, with a three-minute warm up.
- Locker rooms will not be available for use at halftime. We advise visiting and home teams to utilize the end zone for halftime break.
- It will be the visiting team's responsibility to ensure all players and coaches have masks on (covering nose **and** mouth) and maintain social distance during halftime.

Spectators:

- All spectators should check their temperature before attending the game. Anyone who has a temperature of 100.4 or higher should not attend the game.
- Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive in the past 14 days should be on school grounds or attend the game.
- All spectators must be masked (covering nose **and** mouth) **AT ALL TIMES** unless you meet one of the criteria listed in Governor DeWine's exceptions which can be found at: www.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Written justification must be provided to a game worker personnel and/or local health officials upon request.
- Any spectator without a mask or refusing to wear it properly will be asked to leave the stadium immediately. Game workers will be assisting with social distancing in the bleachers and with mask protocols.



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- Individual spectators must be socially distanced **six feet apart** at all times.
- Family groups are permitted to sit together and should remain **four seats and one row away** from the nearest spectator.
- All visiting spectators **must** sit on the visiting bleachers and all Walnut Hills spectators **must** sit on the home bleachers. (Sides will be clearly marked, and signage visible)
- Public restrooms are available next to the concession stand.
- Due to small allowance of capacity and healthy/safety guidelines, we will not be offering concessions at our athletic venues this year. Spectators will be allowed to bring their own food & drinks in our facilities. Coolers will not be permitted. **NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED!**
- The walking areas around the bleachers will be marked to allow for one-way traffic. Please follow the signage and follow the one-way traffic pattern.

Post-Match:

- There will be no handshakes, fist bumps, etc. prior to, during or after the game.
- At the conclusion of the game we ask that all spectators exit the stadium immediately through the designated exits. Post-game congregating is not permitted in the parking lot.

Notes:

- Walnut Hills will provide an athletic trainer for all games.
- Only players, coaches, media and game personnel are permitted on the field. Team photographers must remain away from the team designated areas (10 yard line to 10 yard line), however they can take photos from the track on their sideline.
- Ball boys/girls must be masked and socially distant at all times.

All in attendance should be aware of the importance of following all safety protocols issued by Governor DeWine in his “Responsible Restart Ohio: Youth Collegiate, Amateur, Club and Professional Sports Guidelines.” Thank you for following all policies and procedures written here and that are communicated at the event. Anyone in violation of any guidelines will be asked to leave without a refund. Together we can continue to have athletics and offer our students and our guests the opportunity to compete. #MaskUp-WashUp-BackUp

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