

2020-2021 Shiloh Christian Activities Guidelines



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In accordance with NDHSAA, DOH, and DPI guidelines and in partnership with Regions 4, 5, & 7, Shiloh Christian has put together the following guidelines and provisions for activities in the 2020-21 school year. This document is set to outline the current guidelines and protocols, with the understanding that these guidelines and protocols are subject to change at any time. Any and all changes will be communicated to the community and posted for personal access. Shiloh Christian firmly believes in the positive impact that interscholastic activities can have in a child's life. The health and safety of our participants, coaches, teachers, fellow students, and community as a whole, is of utmost importance. We feel these guidelines and protocols give our community the best opportunity to continue to provide quality experiences for our students, while ensuring health and safety for participants and spectators alike.

Acknowledgment of Infection Risk:

“The risk of COVID-19 transmission will still be present as school activities begin in August and likely through the 2020-2021 school year. Students and their families, along with school personnel must recognize these risks and implement best practices to reasonably mitigate these risks. Participation in school activities is voluntary and every individual will need to evaluate the risk versus the benefits of activity participation. Those immunocompromised students and staff, or those who live with family members with elevated health concerns, should evaluate associated risks of participation and may choose not to participate. The primary means of COVID-19 transmission is through respiratory droplets and potentially through aerosolization. Risk mitigation strategies should be aimed at reducing the likelihood of a person's respiratory droplets coming into contact with another person. Every school is different and every activity is different. Certain mitigation strategies may be feasible in one school or for one activity, but not another” (NDHSAA, 2020).

Universal Guidelines for Student Participants

- All students, regardless of delivery method, will be permitted to participate in activities so long as they meet the minimum requirements.
- All students, regardless of delivery method, will be subject to weekly eligibility checks as outline in the Activities Handbook.
- All students, regardless of activity, will be required to provide their own water bottle, with their name visible, at all times. Each sport will have its own unique circumstances surrounding water bottles and availability.
- All students are required to provide their own personal equipment (cleat, shoes, underclothing, etc). The sharing of personal equipment will not be allowed.
- Any personal sport-specific equipment provided by Shiloh Christian shall not be shared under any circumstance (Jerseys, Pads, Helmets, etc).
- All students are encouraged to bring their clothing home daily for washing. Locker rooms will be sanitized every night. Shiloh Christian is not responsible for the damage to any property left in the locker rooms overnight.
- All students are allowed to wear masks or face coverings, per NDHSAA guidelines, as they see fit.
- Daily attendance will be taken at all practices to aid with contact tracing, per NDHSAA mandate.
- All teams will focus on small group/ positional instruction as much as possible and will limit whole team situations where applicable.
- All students are required by Sanford to wear a mask when receiving treatment.

Reporting Protocol

In accordance with NDHSAA guidelines, Shiloh Christian will follow ND DOH protocol for the reporting of COVID-19, in regard to activities. If a child tests positive for COVID-19, please call or email Mr. Wagner and Mr. Grande to inform them of the positive test. At that time, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Grande will call the ND DOH to determine what appropriate measures need to be taken at that time. If, after consultation of the ND DOH, there are no required cancellations or “close-contact” determinations, teams will continue “business as usual”. If, after consultation of the ND DOH, there are required cancellations or time is needed for the DOH to conduct “close-contact tracing” that information will be shared with the families possibly impacted. The DOH will be responsible for determining “close-contacts” and communicating to each of the families. Shiloh Christian, as a voluntary member of the NDHSAA, will follow any DOH required quarantines, cancellations, or postponements.

Travel Guidelines

Shiloh Christian will be providing transportation for all students involved in activities during the 2020-21 school year. We have expanded our fleet to include our charter bus, a 26 passenger bus, and 4 vans. We will be taking multiple busses/vans where applicable. Seating charts will be used and duplicated during transport. Students are encouraged to stay in their designated seat while in transport and are allowed to wear a mask/face covering as they see fit.

Any student who wishes to be transported by their parent/guardian, to or from a contest, must have prior approval from the coach and activities director. Students will need to submit, in writing, with parental signature, their travel plans prior to departure. Students will not be allowed to drive themselves to contests. If the student chooses to be transported by their parents, it is the expectation that the student arrives at the same time as the team and participates in all team activities as if they were on the bus (i.e. on time to get dressed, warm up, etc.).

Locker Room Guidelines

Per NDHSAA and DOH guidelines, each school will determine the use of locker rooms. The NDHSAA and DOH encourages student athletes to refrain from showering in the locker rooms to mitigate transmission risk. While we acknowledge and support this recommendation, we also understand the importance of providing these services to our students and visitors alike. Shiloh Christian will be offering locker rooms to its visitors and its home teams. We ask that student-athletes, before and during games/practices, use the locker room as their main bathroom to limit outside contact.

Each local school will determine the use of locker rooms at their facility, as each facility is different. In the event of locker rooms not being made available to our students, we will work with opposing schools to determine the safest possible outcome.

For the 2020 season, Regions 5 & 7 agreed to have volleyball teams dress at their home school, wear travel sweats, and use locker rooms or changing areas to remove sweatpants/sweatshirts. As a voluntary member of Region 5 and in accordance with the agreement with Region 7, Shiloh Christian will adhere to this policy.

Region 4 football voted in favor of local control, in regard to locker rooms, due to varied facilities, their locations, and offerings of the school.

Spectator Guidelines

Following recommendations from the NDHSAA, in accordance with ND DOH guidelines, and in agreement with all Region 4, 5, & 7 schools, the following guidelines and provisions have been made for spectators of volleyball and football as of 9/4/2020. While we understand this may not be the most ideal outcome, as Regions, we feel this gives us the best opportunity to allow spectators while ensuring the safety of all spectators, participants, officials, and game personnel alike.

Visiting Fans

Each school will be permitted 2 spectator passes, per student athlete, when traveling to another school. Season passes will be given to the student athletes at the beginning of the season, and must be presented prior to payment/ entry into the facility.

Home Fans

Each school will be permitted to, in accordance with their local DOH recommendations, decide what home fan allowance will look like and how spectator seating will be handled.

At Shiloh Christian, the following allowances will be made for HOME fans at our contests:

- State of ND Level Yellow – 2 home fans per student athlete
- No additional fans allowed to enter

The region will provide separate passes for MS/JH contests and HS contests. For our home contests, families are to use their two region passes and will be given two additional, season passes for home contests.

NDHSAA Sport Specific Recommendations

Below are links the NDHSAA Return to Competition and Sport Specific guidelines. Guidelines will be applied and enforced where applicable.

Return to Competition -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rVuP8ThM8YG8Cy26RUr577ougZCO016cOKtUbLLMwrU/edit>

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