

# 2020-2021 Shiloh Christian Activities Guidelines



In accordance with NDHSAA, and NDDOH guidelines, 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.
- **Face Coverings are required (per NDHSAA) for all “team personnel (outlined by NDHSAA) at all times during practice and on the bench during games except for players participating where the level of exertion makes it difficult to wear, on the bus, and in the locker room except for those who are showering.**
- Daily attendance will be taken at all practices to aid with contact tracing, per NDHSAA mandate.

## **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. **Face Coverings are required per NDHSAA.**

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.

**Face Coverings are required at all times in the locker room other than for those who are showering per NDHSAA.**

## **Spectator Guidelines**

**Effective 1/11/2021**

Large gathering and spectator guidelines have been created by the NDDOH and adopted by the NDHSAA. Upon meeting with Region 5, taking into consideration the varying gym sizes for each school in our region, the following provisions have been made to ensure equitable representation for each team member:

- Each visiting team member will receive two passes
- Home fans will be determined by local control

We will utilize the 2 “District 9” passes for each student for both home and away contests within the Region for all High School level contests. Some schools may choose to allow “extra” home/visiting fans per local guidelines.

For home games, depending on home and visiting roster size, there will be 400-500 “first come, first serve” tickets at the door each night. Once they are gone, they are gone for the night. This number will be based on the passes handed out for a given night. Pass holders are guaranteed the opportunity to purchase a ticket for the night.

For non-region road games, we will work alongside the home schools to distribute passes/fan attendance allowances in accordance with their local policies.

For all Middle School and Sub-varsity only nights, there will be no pass system required.

There will be no concessions at home games for the time being and no outside food or beverage is allowed inside the gymnasium.

All persons inside the contest are **REQUIRED** to wear a face covering at all times per NDHSAA guidelines and per the extension of the Governor’s Executive Order.

## **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>

Sport Specific Recommendations –

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1De0nmzxJMjp02wwLzoaTQu5ZaR9Pd7HEIIXbLV9wNfo/edit>