



PINE RIVER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Winter athletics in Michigan are starting up this week. To that end, all Pine River Area Schools' coaches, spectators, and athletes are expected to wear face masks properly while in our building, or any building where our athletes are participating. The only exception to this rule, at this point, is wrestlers who are on the mat for a match versus an opponent from another school. They will be allowed to wrestle without a mask if they are found to have a negative COVID-19 test result on the day of competition. This testing will be carried out at no expense to the athlete, or the school. Details for wrestlers and parents will soon be released. Remember, competition may be halted if individuals--whether as spectators or members of a team--refuse to follow the mask rule. Please comply so that the focus is on our student athletes competing, not on noncompliant coaches, spectators, athletes or workers.

At this point, in the Highland Conference and all member schools, including Pine River, two (2) spectators per athlete are allowed to attend competitions. If it is different for an away event, coaches will notify athletes/parents. Passes will be sold in the high school office, and at the first few home games, for all basketball teams, for those folks on the athlete's approved list. Junior varsity and varsity passes will cover all conference games (home and away), and also any non-conference home games; these passes are \$25/pass. Middle School passes will cover all MS games (home and away); these passes are \$15/pass.

For wrestling, two (2) spectators per athlete will be allowed, but there will not be passes sold since most competitions are non-conference. Rosters will be sent to host schools and athletes' names will be checked off as their two (2) guests pay at the door.

For all spectators, toddlers and babies can enter with the adult and not be considered one of the two allowed spectators. If a school age child enters, they will count as one of the two allowed spectators. Any child that attends must sit next to parents at all times. There will be no student section at any event. Workers will not count as one of the two allowed spectators per athlete.

While there will be no concession stand for the time being, our home events will be live streamed via our YouTube channel available via the link on our website's home page.

Thanks for your understanding and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Ruppert, Athletic Director, at (231)829-3841.

Sincerely,

Shawn Ruppert
Director of Athletics