



# TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Athletic Department

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The Tonawanda City School District Athletic Department is excited to announce Section VI has updated their Winter Sports Spectator Policy in a press release sent out today [click here](#). Effective **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, two home spectators per student athlete for basketball, bowling, and swimming will be allowed to attend home contests only for the remainder of the winter sports season. Parents are still unable to attend away contest in person at opposing schools.

If you plan to attend a home basketball game or home swimming meet at Tonawanda High School for you daughter or son, please make sure to follow these current required protocols which include:

- 1) Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of the game or meet, prepared with your own face covering that must be worn at all times covering your mouth and nose while on school grounds. No exceptions.
- 2) Enter the High School through the HS main entrance door 1 and report directly to either the HS Miller Gymnasium (JV or varsity basketball), MS Gymnasium (modified basketball), or HS Pool (varsity swim).
- 3) At the entrance to gymnasiums or pool, you will be greeted by an event supervisor who will ask you which student athlete you are here to watch and they will mark your name next to the students name on a team roster. Once a student athlete has two spectators enter the gymnasium or pool, that students name will be crossed off the list and no more spectators will be allowed for that student athlete during that contest. Also, once a spectator has been checked into the gymnasium as one of the two allowed spectators per student athlete, they may not exit the gymnasium or pool and have a new spectator take their place at any point during the contest.
- 4) Once you enter the gymnasium or pool, spectators may take a seat at any of the designated socially distanced seats on the bleachers that will be marked with an orange sticker. Two spectators of the same household may sit together. Socially distanced seats for basketball games are spread out across two sets of bleachers opposite of the team benches. Socially distanced seats for swimming meets are spread out across the pool 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bleachers.
- 5) At the conclusion of the contest, spectators will need to exit the gymnasium or pool and school building. If you are a spectator for a JV basketball game, you will have to exit at the conclusion of the JV game. Varsity basketball parents should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of the varsity game and will need to wait outside of the gymnasium until the conclusion of the JV game for the gym to be cleared before entering. If you have a daughter or son on both JV and Varsity basketball, let the supervisors know and they will mark you down for both games so you are able to stay.

Go Warriors!

Sincerely,

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