

Spectator Policy during COVID-19 Restrictions

General Rules:

Due to limits on the size of gatherings and the need for social distancing, Otter Valley Union School will start the season, limiting game attendance to **two (2)** spectators per athlete and coach on the roster (for both teams) followed by filling out the rest of the 150 people maximum size crowd with a 'first come first in' policy. Once we hit 150 spectators we will no longer allow spectators in. Spectators should park in the large paved parking lot just south of the school and walk to the fields where they must check in by providing the name of the athlete they are there to support. A limited number of parking spaces will be reserved closer to the field for those with difficulty walking. In the event that the State of Vermont changes their guidelines increasing allowable crowd sizes, administration will reevaluate this policy. Depending on the success of the policy we will evaluate accordingly.

Entry for spectators will begin 30 minutes before the posted start time of each game.

All spectators must wear facial coverings and practice social distancing. Spectators who neglect these rules will be asked to leave immediately, and attendance at future games may be jeopardized.

Otter Valley High School athletes who complete practices on campus may stay on site to watch games as long as they continue to follow COVID precautions and maintain the 150 person spectator number.

Members of the media, with proper identification, are also exempt from this policy, but will be asked to undergo a health screening if they wish to have access to the teams, coaches, and sideline areas.

Parents who bring younger children to the athletic facilities are responsible for keeping those children close at hand as their own ability to maintain proper social distancing is limited.

No spectators are allowed at practice sessions. If parents need to wait for their child's practice to end, they must remain in the parking lot.

Field Entrances will be as follows:

1. JV Football – spectators park in the south parking lot and walk out to JV football check-point for attendance check will be at the softball dugouts on the road. Spectators can space out along both sides of the field behind the roped off area – the field side is not available to spectators inside the rope.
2. MS Soccer – spectators park in the south parking lot and walk to the small single gated area. Check-in point will be at that area and attendance check will be located here. Spectators can stay located along the northern hillside and western hillside spaced out by families 6 feet to view the games. Roped off areas will differentiate the team area versus spectator area on the northern side and the western sideline will mark the spectator area on the hill.
3. V/MS Field Hockey – spectators park in the south parking lot and walk along the OV building to the attendance check-in located at the single gate just to the western side of the field near the team shed. Attendance check-in will occur here and spectators can be on any 3 sides of the field that are not marked off by caution tape-northern, eastern, and southern. The western side by the team benches will now be off-limits to all spectators.
4. Markowski Field – V Soccer, V Football – spectators park in the south parking lot and walk along the OV buildings to the attendance check-in located western side of the school as the road travels behind the building. Spectators attendance checks will occur here and they can proceed to the taped off areas that are all along the western side hill and concrete bleachers. Spectators are not allowed to enter the field of play or travel down to the field before, during, or after the game.

NOTE: FOR ALL GAMES SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE WITH APPROPRIATE SPORTSMANSHIP. WATCHING GAMES IS A PRIVILEGE.

Additional Notes for Spectators:

- For Fall 2020, no entry fees will be charged for any Otter Valley athletic events.
- Limited concessions will be allowed for football games.
- All inside facilities, including locker rooms, are closed.
- Four portable toilets are located on-site. These are primarily provided for the athletes but may be used by spectators in an emergency. They will be sanitized twice per day.
- Sanitation stations will be located near each field entrance
- Metal bleachers will not be available – fans should plan to bring their own chairs to sit in.

Notes for Opponents Events Rules:

1. Plans for opponent's spectator's limitations will be sent each week along with the weekly sports file & practice file for the following week. Many schools are limiting spectators to 2 per athlete on each team and **MUST** know ahead of time if spectators will attend. I will work with schools and our coaches to set up a reporting list and methods of notifications so we can send out how many people will be attending. Please understand schools can choose to not have any spectators at all and I will communicate that out ahead of time.