

# Information for Hermitage Basketball 2020-2021

## **HOME GAMES:**

In an effort to follow the AAA Guidelines, we must make some difficult decisions concerning the total number of people allowed into the gymnasium, while realizing our goal of providing an opportunity for our students to compete.

A **total of 42 vouchers** will be available for the **home** crowd. This allows for the recommended 6 feet for social distancing. Each player on the roster for the teams competing for that day's games will be given one voucher, which must be presented at the gate with the \$5 admission fee for entrance into the game. In the event additional vouchers are left because players/families are not using their voucher, the voucher will be returned to the coach for redistribution, with priority given to senior players. Each voucher is good for one person only.

Home guests will enter the gymnasium by the junior girls locker room and will exit by the senior girls locker room. Guests will not be allowed to congregate in the lobby, but the concession stand and restrooms will be available and sanitized frequently during the event. Masks must be worn by all guests in the gymnasium, unless eating.

## **AWAY GAMES:**

The number of vouchers for away games **will vary depending on the size of the gym**. It is our **goal** to accommodate each player with at least one voucher. However, we cannot make promises as some schools are only allowing us 27 total vouchers. Again, players that do not intend to use the assigned voucher may return it to their coach for another player/family to use.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

We have reduced the size of our rosters at the games to accommodate the AAA and ADH guidelines. Pre-game introduction, huddles, and other things during the games will look different, with the goal of keeping the players, officials, and spectators as safe as possible.

We are required by AAA to honor the athletic passes, but all other guests entering the gym (even HSD staff and families) must pay. Please understand that, unlike the past years, no one will be allowed into the game without a voucher/money or AAA pass. If you have a voucher and leave the game, no one else will be allowed to use your voucher and you may not re-enter the game.

Players for both teams will wait in locations other than the bleachers until time for their games so that we can allow as many spectators as possible in our gymnasiums. For example, we will use the weight room and green room as waiting areas while other schools may require athletes to wait on the bus. Each player must have their own assigned chair, towel, and water bottle. Athletes and coaches on benches must be 6 feet apart and will be spread out along the court. Because of these guidelines, we do not anticipate that cheerleaders will cheer during games, but might be able to perform for the crowd at halftime. It is also possible that the order of games

will change, such as junior and senior girls playing first, followed by the boy's teams or boys playing first, followed by the girl's teams.

The districts are working together to try to livestream the games (home and away) for those unable to attend in person. We will be utilizing a platform known as the Arkansas Digital Sandbox and wifi to stream. Once the link is posted, it will be the same link used for all games all season long. You do not have to create an account to use Arkansas Digital Sandbox, but will need our school specific link, which will be shared later.

For the most up-to-date information, please check our district Facebook page or call the school office. Please keep in mind that we are doing our best during this difficult time to be as fair as possible. Our goal is simple: We want to give our students an opportunity to play. We hate that we will not be able to allow all spectators into the gym to watch, but it is unavoidable. We appreciate your understanding and will keep you updated as things change, and they will, throughout the season. Go Hermits!!!