Bushnell-Prairie City Basketball and Volleyball Guidelines 2020-2021

The following guidelines will be implemented by B-PC when hosting athletic events inside the B-PC High School and/or B-PC Junior High gymnasiums. These are subject to change based upon guidance and directives from the Governor's Office, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois State Board of Education and/or the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA).

Admission

- All attendees will enter the doors on the west side of the high school (the second entrance in the courtyard closest to the high school cafeteria). There will be no admission charged to spectators, but donations will be accepted. Health screenings will be conducted for all attendees prior to admission. Doors will open for admission at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees

- Spectators are limited to a maximum of 50 individuals and will only include guests from B-PC, media, and BPC cheerleaders. There will be no opponent spectators allowed (exception: away team bus driver(s) and administrator will be allowed entrance). All spectators must be seated 30 feet from players and the baseline of play in chairs provided at the top of the venue. All attendees will exit the gymnasium through the exit on the west side of the gym between contests to allow for cleaning. A separate list of spectators (identified from a guest list provided by B-PC players) will be maintained for JV and varsity, as well as 7th and 8th grade teams. A ticket system will be developed for spectators to insure equity among student athletes and families.
- Student athletes and coaches will utilize the bleachers on the west side of the gymnasium in seats designated to insure social distancing. When not engaged in game play, student athletes should remain in their designated seats.

Health and Safety

- After the conclusion of each event, custodial staff will disinfect bleachers, chairs, tables, and other surfaces within the gym. Equipment used in events will also be disinfected periodically throughout the event. Example: per the IHSA, multiple game balls will be used during events and sanitized periodically

- All attendees (athletes, game personnel, and spectators) will wear a face mask while in B-PC facilities throughout the duration of any event. Athletes should bring multiple masks to use during an event, as well as their own towel and water bottle. Personal athletic equipment should not be shared among student athletes. The IHSA and IESA have established a "media timeout" at designated times during the game to allow student athletes to catch their breath if needed, due to the wearing of masks.
- All attendees will maintain 6 feet of social distancing unless involved in game play.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the score table for student athletes to use before entering game play.

Locker Rooms

- Locker Rooms will not be available for use. Large changing areas have been identified and will be assigned to B-PC teams and visiting teams.

Watching Events

- B-PC will live stream home events and share them to the district's Facebook page and YouTube channel. B-PC will not be able to live stream away events, but will coordinate and share any information received from host schools. Please watch for announcements on our district website and via social media.

Use of Facilities

- There will be no concession stand, however bathrooms will be available for use.

Please remember, this is a fluid situation and these guidelines could change based on guidance and directives from the Governor's Office, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois State Board of Education and/or the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA). If you have questions, please contact B-PC Athletic Director, Nathan Zaehringer via phone at 309-772-2123 or via email at zaehringern@bpcschools.org. Thank you for your patience and help as we navigate and celebrate the upcoming seasons.