



**2020-21 Healthy at Sports  
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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER GUIDANCE**

- While this section deals with guidance for contest officials, all involved in the athletic program are expected to reference all guidance standards, including the many that may be non-sports specific.
- It is in the best interest of all officials to be familiar with all aspects of the guidance documents for Stage 3.
- Guidance is broken into three areas:
  - REQUIRED- These standards are required at all sanctioned contests.
  - RECOMMENDED- These standards are best practices during all contests during the pandemic and are therefore recommended for all contests.
  - CONSIDER- While these items are also best practices during this time, local site discretion should be exercised to determine if these items are practical and feasible for use at the contest.
- Differences in the guidance are necessitated by the difference in sports, facilities, and geographic areas, which are pronounced during normal years, and magnified this school year.
- Ensure that you have studied all of the documents on the individual pages of this guidance for the sports in which you are licensed.

**LICENSING**

- All officials shall be currently licensed with the KHSAA.
- All officials shall view the current year rules interpretation clinic on the KHSAA website following the published schedule.
- All officials should consider becoming a member of the National Association of Sports Officials.
- All officials should ensure that the officiating demographic records on arbitersports.com match the records on file with the KHSAA.

**ADVANCE OF GAME DAY**

- Contact the host school Athletic Director in advance of the contest to be informed on any additional protocols required locally (temperature checks, symptoms questionnaire, specific waivers, requirements for masks/face coverings, etc.). (REQUIRED)
- Bring your water bottle, towel, hand sanitizer, flags, equipment, etc. (REQUIRED)
- If carpooling with other officials wear a mask/face covering when traveling. (RECOMMENDED)
- Vulnerable individuals are defined by the CDC as people 65 years of age and older and others with serious underlying health conditions. Officials fitting this description may wish to seek medical advice before deciding to officiate. (CONSIDER)

**GAME DAY**

- Take your temperature in the morning and then again before leaving home/work for a contest.
- If greater than 100.4F, notify your assigner and the school administrator immediately that you will not be able to fulfill the assignment. (REQUIRED)
- Identify the host school administrator and local association for assistance in dealing with any issues (REQUIRED)
- Officials are not the "mask" police for fans and spectators; the host school administrator shall manage adherence. (REQUIRED)
- Officials are expected to use the online incident form to report any non-compliance with public health standards by anyone observed who is not in the team boxes or on the playing field. (REQUIRED)



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- Officials are expected to both enforce (via the Unsportsmanlike Conduct rule) and use the online incident form to report any non-compliance with public health standards by anyone in the team boxes or on the playing field. (REQUIRED)
- Officials are advised to come dressed to officiate. (RECOMMENDED)
- Upon arrival at the contest site, wash/sanitize hands regularly. (REQUIRED)
- Review sport-specific pre- and post-contest protocol (anthem, handshakes, etc.) (REQUIRED)
- If you do not feel well and COVID-19 symptoms are present, notify the contracted school, your crew members, assigner, and stay at home. (REQUIRED)
- Do not share equipment, uniforms, towels, etc. (REQUIRED)
- Bring your drinks. (REQUIRED)
- Following the conclusion of a contest, leave the contest area, and do not interact with others. (REQUIRED)
- Pre-contest official crew meetings should be held outside when possible and where social distancing is easier to execute. (RECOMMENDED)
- Face coverings shall be worn by officials during pre-contest responsibilities. (REQUIRED)
- The officials/scorer's table is limited to home team essential personnel exclusively and is to be socially distanced. (REQUIRED)
- Visiting team personnel are not deemed essential and need to find an alternative socially distanced seating location. (REQUIRED)

**PLAYING RULES**

- Various playing rule modifications are available for use during the pandemic and may help ensure social distancing and other key criteria being able to be met while minimizing unnecessary contact. For references, see the KHSAA website at <https://bit.ly/2R4dvzz> and <https://bit.ly/3byx1xH>.

**RULES REQUIREMENTS**

- Limit length and attendees during Pre-Game/Match Conference (See specific sport requirements). (REQUIRED)
- Suspend handshakes, fist bumps, bro hugs, etc. (pre/during/post contest). (REQUIRED)
- Execute social distancing when communicating with coaches, players, other crew members. (REQUIRED)
- Execute social distancing in substitution procedures during contests. (REQUIRED)
- To maintain social distancing, officiating positions may need to be changed in a manner that is not necessarily in conformance with standard officiating procedures. (RECOMMENDED)

**UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT FOR OFFICIALS (ADOPTED FOR OPTIONAL  
CONSIDERATION FOR ALL OFFICIALS 2020-21)**

- Long sleeves are permissible provided there are no color restrictions in the specific sport.
- Long pants are permissible.
- Undergarments are permissible but must be of similar length for the individual and solid color for the crew unless otherwise specified.
- Mask/face coverings are permitted without color restrictions.
- Air horns/electronic whistles are permitted and officials should choose a whistle whose tone will carry outside such as:
  - Fox 40 Mini -
  - Fox 40 Unisex Electronic – (3 tone) -
  - Ergo-Guard - (3 tone) - orange
  - Windsor - (3 tone)



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- Check the market for other choices.
- Gloves are permitted.
- Headsets for communication are permitted.
- Officials should not be required to wear jackets during pre-game field/court/player/warm-up observation.