

I am excited to introduce myself as the new Athletic Director of Ponderosa High School. My name is Jordan Ivey and I am coming from Castle View High School where I was a Dean of Students and Assistant Activities and Athletic Director. I was also a Social Studies teacher and Head Boys and Girls Soccer Coach at Legend High School from 2010-2018. This will be my 13<sup>th</sup> year in education, all of which I have spent in Douglas County School District. Growing up I was fortunate enough to live in this area and attend DCSD schools, so I could not be happier to continue my career here. I am excited to join the tight-knit family that is the Ponderosa community and can't wait to contribute to its rich tradition.

Recently the district sent out information regarding the beginning of Season B. The rest of this letter is to explain how the protocols and variances for spectators will be implemented at Ponderosa. Variances and protocols for participants have been given and explained to all athletes and coaches.

We are incredibly excited to have a season and we are going to do everything in our power to make sure our students get the chance to compete throughout its entirety. Though things will look significantly different we are now able to incorporate some elements that will bring back a feeling of normalcy. The variances and protocols that have been provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as well as the Tri-County Health Department give me the confidence that we can provide a safe environment for our coaches, athletes, and spectators. There has never been a more motivated group of students, who are willing to do what is needed to get the opportunity to play the sport they love, and I know that with the help and support of the Ponderosa community we will be able to provide them with that opportunity.

The common theme right now is the need for flexibility. The expectations and protocols that apply to spectators are no different. Just this week we were informed that we could have 50 spectators, beyond essential game personnel, in attendance at games. There are a number of factors that have allowed for this and my hope is that by following the protocols we have been given we may be able to allow more spectators as the season goes along. The following are general protocols and expectations for spectators. Coaches of specific sports will follow up with a clarification on how these apply to their competitions.

## **Spectator Expectations and Protocols:**

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- A gate list will be created for each game. Only spectators who are on the gate list will be allowed to attend the event. Coaches will be responsible for creating their gate list and providing it to the Athletic Director. We will be checking ID's at the competition area entrance so please bring an ID. We have reduced the price of admission to \$5 per spectator with children under 5 free.
- Spectators will be allowed to enter the building 15 minutes prior to the beginning of their event. If you arrive earlier than that we ask that you wait in your car. This time allows us to clear the competition area and perform the sanitization required by CDPHE. All spectators will enter and exit through the main entrance of the school.
- Spectators must wear a mask and maintain social distancing the entire time they are inside the building.
- Prior to entering the competition area, all spectators must complete a Health Protocol Questionnaire. All spectators will be allowed into the competition area 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the event. This timing allows us to clear the competition areas, complete the required sanitization, and transition new teams into the competition area.
- Specific seating areas will be identified in the competition area. Spectators must stay in these identified areas during the competition, with the exception of using the restroom. This will reduce the area we have to sanitize and speed up the transition between competitions.
- In order to reduce the amount of sanitization between games we will not be selling concessions and no outside food or drink will be allowed into the competition area.
- At the conclusion of a game, all spectators will immediately leave the competition area and building. This will allow us the maximum amount of time and space needed to sanitize and bring in spectators for the following competition.

If you do not feel comfortable attending games in person, or following the established protocols, we are happy to offer an alternative way to watch games. **We have recently entered into a relationship with NFHS that allows us to live stream all competitions hosted in our main gym.** To purchase a streaming pass you can go to <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/>, click on "Subscribe" and pick your desired pass. After you have subscribed you will have access to all streaming content for Ponderosa High School, both live and on-demand.

Though we are far from our desired state, I am happy that our students have the opportunity for a season. With your help and support, we will be able to conduct games,

with spectators, in a safe environment. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me through email ([jdivey@dcsdk12.org](mailto:jdivey@dcsdk12.org) ) or phone call (303.387.4100).

Go Mustangs!!!

*Jordan Divey*