

Erskine Academy Athletic Guidelines

Winter 2021-2022

It is a requirement that all Erskine Academy winter student athletes will meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for participation in winter sports:

1. Full vaccinated
2. Provide a laboratory-verified (not home test) positive Covid-19 result (molecular or antigen) collected within the last 90 days
3. Participate in the Erskine Academy weekly pooled testing program

**Whenever a student is sick or symptomatic in any way, they should stay home from school, a game, or practice.*

Athletes:

- When inside the school building, all athletes must wear a mask 100% of the time.
- Athletes must always wear masks when in the locker room, in the training room, waiting for practice to start, sitting in the stands watching a game, walking in the hallways, etc.
- When riding on a school bus, athletes must wear a mask 100% of the time.
- When athletes are actively participating in a practice or a game, **masking is now required.**
- All athletes are encouraged to have their own water bottle. There are water bottle refill stations near the gym and locker rooms. During basketball games there will be full water coolers behind team benches that can also be used to refill water bottles.
- Athletes will be allowed to use the locker rooms and to utilize lockers for safe storage of items on site. Athletes are not allowed to shower in the locker room. Students/athletes should change and get in and out of the locker room as quickly as possible
- No pregame or postgame handshakes between athletes, officials and/or coaches.
- These rules are in effect at Erskine Academy and at any away facility that we visit, unless the away facility rules are stricter, in which case our teams will follow the rules of the away facility. **There may be times we need to follow the rules of the visiting team during our home event as the only way that event can take place.**

Coaches, Event Workers & Media:

- All event workers and members of the media are required to wear masks 100% of the time when they are inside of the high school facility, even if vaccinated. Active coaches will be required to wear a mask at all times.
- Coaches must wear a mask 100% of the time when they are on a bus.
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Officials:

- Officials must wear a mask 100% of the time while inside the building.
- Masking is optional for officials when together in their isolated changing room space.
- **Masking is required for officials when they are actively officiating their own game, which includes the time that they stretch, warm-up and do pre-game meetings. Officials are asked to wear a mask when walking from the changing room to the game location before the game and at halftime.**

Concessions:

- The Erskine Academy All Sports Boosters will not be offering concession services at home basketball or wrestling events this year. **There will be no food or drink allowed in the gymnasium by any spectators!**

Spectators:

- All spectators are required to wear a mask 100% of the time when inside Erskine Academy. Spectators will not be allowed to enter the gym without their mask on properly (covering their mouth and the nose) and it should remain on properly for the entire time that they are inside the high school facility.
- At this time, Erskine Academy will allow unlimited home fans into the gym for home games. We will require home fans to sit in the bleacher sections on the side opposite the team benches. Visiting fans will be restricted to sitting in the bleacher section behind the visiting team bench.
- **ERSKINE ACADEMY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CLOSE OFF ADMISSIONS IF THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS BECOMES TOO LARGE FOR THE DESIGNATED SEATING SECTIONS.**

Facility:

- **No food or drink will be allowed inside James V Nelson gymnasium this year.** This is primarily to eliminate the need for spectators to pull their mask down to eat or drink while inside the gym.
- There will be no concessions for home events this year.
- Home team videographers can set up in the section behind the home basketball bench to video the game. Visiting team videographers may set up in the section behind the visiting team bench.
- Sub-Varsity teams may sit in the section behind their varsity team bench.