



Orange County Schools
Hillsborough, NC

**Health & Safety
Athletic & Sports Requirements
Board of Education Approved (9.13.2021)**

COVID-19 Summary & Requirements for Athletics & Sports Programs

HIGH RISK SPORTS: All student athletes in these programs eligible to be vaccinated must be fully vaccinated *OR* participate in the bi-weekly COVID-19 testing program.

Sports Team	Risk for Transmission	Mask Requirements for Athletes	Fans & Other Limitations
Football	High	REQUIRED OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS	ALL FANS MUST BE MASKED BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS
Basketball	High	REQUIRED ON AND OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS	PHYSICAL DISTANCE REQUIRED BY NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
Wrestling	High	REQUIRED ON AND OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS	ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 2 FANS PER ATHLETE
Competitive Cheerleading	High	REQUIRED ON AND OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS	NO SELLING OF FOOD ITEMS OR CONCESSIONS

MEDIUM RISK SPORTS: All student athletes in these programs eligible to be vaccinated must be fully vaccinated *OR* participate in the bi-weekly COVID-19 testing program.

Sports Team	Risk for Transmission	Mask Requirements for Athletes	Fans & Other Limitations
Cheerleading	Medium	REQUIRED ON AND OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS	<p>ALL FANS MUST BE MASKED BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS</p> <p>PHYSICAL DISTANCE REQUIRED BY NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS</p> <p>ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 2 FANS PER ATHLETE</p> <p>NO SELLING OF FOOD ITEMS OR CONCESSIONS</p>
Lacrosse	Medium		
Soccer	Medium		
Tennis Doubles	Medium		
Volleyball	Medium		
Baseball	Medium		
Softball	Medium		

LOW RISK SPORTS: All student athletes in these programs eligible to be vaccinated must be fully vaccinated *OR* participate in the bi-weekly COVID-19 testing program.

Sports Team	Risk for Transmission by Limited Contact	Mask Requirements for Athletes	Fans & Other Limitations
Cross Country	Low	REQUIRED WHEN OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY	<p>ALL FANS MUST BE MASKED BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS</p> <p>PHYSICAL DISTANCE REQUIRED BY NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS</p> <p>ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 2 FANS PER ATHLETE</p> <p>NO SELLING OF FOOD ITEMS OR CONCESSIONS</p>
Tennis Singles	Low		
Swimming	Low		



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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS, BANNERS & FLAGS DISPLAYED AT SPORTING EVENTS

The Orange County Board of Education supports the participation of individuals at athletic and sporting events which fosters and creates a positive experience for our athletes, students and community. These regulations shall guide school administration to ensure safe school climates are maintained by all individuals attending sporting events.

- Signs, banners or flags must not exceed 24x24 inches, may not employ poles, sticks, or rigid support structures, and must not obstruct the view of any spectators.
- Signs, banners or flags may not be affixed to fences, structures, bleachers or any part of the school property. Signs must be handheld.
- Only signs, banners or flags supporting a participating sports team will be permitted. Signs, banners or flags displaying messages not related to supporting a participating sports team are not permitted.
- Signs, banners or flags that are not related to supporting a participating team, contain vulgar or obscene language, encourage violence or unlawful acts, or otherwise violate Board Policy or the Student Code of Conduct will not be permitted.
- Size limitations do not apply to signs, banners or flags created and displayed by the team or cheerleaders that are supporting a sports team.
- Sign paint may not be brought onto the school grounds.

Individuals that display signs that do not adhere to these regulations will be asked to remove the sign, flag or banner. Individuals that refuse to adhere to these regulations will be asked to leave the event and refunds will not be issued.