



# Home of the Cubs

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Madison, IN: Madison Athletics announces approval of Winter Athletic Plan and Turkey Shootout information.

On Saturday, Madison Athletics Director, Joe Bronkella, announced that Madison Consolidated Schools had received approval from the Jefferson County Health Department on the Winter Athletics Plan submitted earlier in the week. "We met as a team, discussed learning from our fall seasons, made a few changes and appreciate the quick turnaround from our local partners," Bronkella shared. "As with our initial reopening plan we have taken guidance from state and local health professionals, as well as, IHSAA as we look to move our events indoors. In addition, we have worked closely with a number of area schools to share our learning and best practices so we could find some alignment and collectively provide the safest environments possible as we host and travel to events."

As winter sports seasons kickoff, one of the most anticipated events of the winter season will be hosted at Madison this year - the annual Turkey Shootout game against Southwestern. "This is a big game for our teams, our students, and our community as a whole," Bronkella continued. "We understand that this is an annual tradition and we want to do all we can to make it as safe as possible for everyone. Mr. Scroggins, Southwestern Athletic Director, and I met at length to discuss possibilities for making this event an enjoyable and safe environment for our players, first and foremost, and our fans from both schools."

## **Turkey Shootout Plan**

- We will host two separate games, which will require two separate tickets.
- Separate game dates have been scheduled in order to reduce a cross-over of girls and boys fan bases.
- Game dates are:
  - Boys JV/V Tuesday, November 24
  - Girl JV/V on Wednesday, November 25
- We will max our ticket sales at 2,500 so that there can be proper social distancing
- Both games will be livestreamed on the [NFHS Network](#), so those not able to/or comfortable with attending in person can watch from home.
- There will be MULTIPLE points of entry and exit to minimize grouping of people and assist with traffic flow of fans.
- There will be separate, designated seating areas for Southwestern and Madison fans and we encourage everyone to stay in those areas.

- Cheerleaders will not be permitted to cheer on the sideline, instead they will have designated areas and can only cheer during timeouts or breaks in the action.

**Ticket Procedures:**

Tickets will be sold in similar fashion to what has been offered for big games during the fall sports season with priority given to the athlete, cheerleaders, band, and their families first.

- Southwestern and Madison BB/Cheer/Band and families will be able to purchase tickets first.
- Southwestern will receive tickets for presale to their student body.
- Madison students will have the opportunity to purchase presale tickets on specific dates at school which will be announced ahead of time.
- A digital ticket sales link through the TicketSpicket (a free app download) will be provided for the public once the pre-sale dates have passed.
- Paper tickets will be available only if we do not surpass the 2,500 limit.
- Annual sports passes are valid and have been taken into consideration in the maximum capacity number.

Presale tickets dates will be:

- Week of November 16th for athletes, band, family members, and students.
- After November 20th - link will be published for online ticket sales for the public.

**Reserved Seating:**

We will not offer reserved seating of any type for any game this year. This will provide flexibility in our gyms so families can properly socially distance themselves from other fans.

**Face Masks and Social Distancing:**

Face masks are required for entry. Face masks are strongly recommended, even while seated, unless you are enjoying concessions at your seat.

We encourage you to sit with your immediate family and properly distance yourselves from other fans in order to create the safest environment possible.

**NFHS Network:**

All events from Connor K. Salm Gymnasium will be available to watch at home via livestream through the [NFHS Network](#). A single game fee or season membership is available online and includes events from Cub Field.

The complete Winter Athletics Plan is included with this release.

# Madison Athletics Event Plan

## To Our Fans and Families,

We are very excited to begin our winter sports seasons at Madison Consolidated High School and Madison Junior High School Athletics.

We appreciate your ongoing patience, diligence, and understanding during these challenging times. We want you to know that we are doing our very best to continue to provide a safe environment.

Using recommendations from our local/state government, health department, CDC, and the IHSAA, we are changing some of our approaches and procedures for the upcoming winter sports seasons in order to keep everyone safe. We are committed to the safety and well-being of our athletes, staff, and patrons as colder weather and conditions change.

### Changes will include but are not limited to:

- **MASKS:** We are asking that anyone who enters our building wear a mask or face covering. We understand that this isn't possible when eating/drinking concessions at your seat, but when moving throughout the facility, or when you get up to go to the restroom or visit the concession stand, we ask everyone to wear a mask PLEASE! Our staff will all be wearing masks for your safety and theirs.

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** We ask that everyone please maintain a safe social distance when moving throughout the facilities, in the lobby, in line for concessions, and in our restrooms. We will have signs throughout our facilities to help with this.

- **REDUCED CAPACITY:** With the move indoors and per continued guidance, we will continue to operate at reduced capacity so that we can encourage everyone to maintain social distancing guidelines.

**Gymnasium seating:** We have adjusted seating in the Connor K. Salm Gymnasium and will re-introduce seating in some areas of the lower level. Due to distancing guidelines and the hardships indoor bleacher seating presents, we will not offer reserved seating due to the proximity and clustering this historically presents. This will allow flexibility at our events so that spectators may distance themselves from other patrons or cluster by family once inside the venue.

In order to accommodate all teams and scheduled indoor events we plan to reopen and host events in our Junior High Gymnasium. This will require additional, strict protocols for entrances, exits, and traffic flow to do the best we can to ensure social distancing. Fans will not be able to sit near our athletes.

**Pool:** Our pool seating will be the most impacted with only parents and siblings of home athletes, allowed to attend events. No visiting fans will be allowed to attend. We are working on options to record and Facebook Live all home meets.

- **TICKETS:** When attending events, we recommend you purchase your ticket with exact money to limit the exchange of money. We will continue to offer online tickets through TicketSpicket to provide a paperless, pre-purchasing option. We will continue to offer our annual "All Sports Pass" which will be available through the main office, if you have not already purchased. We will also continue to offer the online broadcast through the [NFHS Network](#) for all events in Connor K. Salm Gymnasium and are working to broadcast events from other venues.

## **- HEALTH & SAFETY:**

- We will continue with the cleaning and sanitizing procedures, outlined in our Re-Opening Plan, throughout all facilities and will provide personal protective equipment for our staff.
- There will be hand sanitizer available in the lobby and throughout each facility.
- Comprehensive disinfecting will also happen throughout your visit and between each event to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and other disease-causing bacteria and viruses.
- All staff/athletes will continue to self-assess prior to working/playing.
- At the conclusion of events, fans will be asked to leave the facility immediately and limit any access to athletes before or after the event in order to reduce gatherings of people.
- We will utilize recommendations from the IHSA return to play guidelines whenever possible as it pertains to our facilities.

**- CONCESSIONS:** You can still enjoy your favorite snacks; however, we ask that you only consume your food and beverage in your designated seat in the event venue. Once you have finished with your food and drink, please cover up with your mask or face covering. We ask that you throw away your empty containers at the end of the event in our trash receptacles.

We will keep you updated on any further developments, but in the meantime, please follow us on our social media outlets to stay up-to-date and connected.

We are very grateful for your support. We are thankful our students are able to continue to play and participate in their activities and they can do so as a result of your willingness to help keep everyone safe! We are excited to get our winter seasons started!

## **Indoor Event Max Capacities if at Full Capacity:**

JH Gymnasium-780 Pool-155, Connor K. Salm-4400