



## Amherst Central School District

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To student-athletes, coaches, staff, officials, administrators, parents, and patrons:

As we navigate through these uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like you to know that the health and safety of all student-athletes, coaches, staff, officials, administrators, parents and patrons is our number one priority.

When you are in our facilities, we are asking you to adhere with the following guidelines:

1. Per NYS Department of Health guidance, masks or face coverings are required for all participants, coaches, workers, officials, patrons, or anyone entering an Amherst Central Schools facility. Masks will be required to be worn at all times including in the athletic training rooms, practice fields and game fields. When student-athletes are active participants in their activity, they may remove their mask if they believe they cannot tolerate it, per NYSDOH.
2. Per NYS Department of Health guidance, facilities will be limited to TWO spectators per athlete. All spectators must have their ECIC pass visible at all times. We ask that you continue to follow all physical distancing procedures maintaining six feet of distance between individuals. At this time, there are no spectators allowed for indoor events.
3. Amherst Central Schools believes sportsmanship is paramount to the development of our student-athletes, at this time, there will be no hand shaking, high fives, hugging or fist bumps between opposing teams, both before and after games. This is to reduce contact as much as possible.
4. There will be no shared towels, clothing, shoes, or water bottles between participants, officials, and coaches.
5. Before, during and after the contest, players, coaches, officials, team personnel and game administration officials should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible.
6. Locker rooms will not be available for visitor use, we recommend that teams and officials come dressed and ready to participate in the event. Outdoor bathrooms will be available.
7. Only necessary personnel will be allowed in the press box, on the sidelines and at the scorer's tables.
8. When traveling to and from away events, all Amherst coaches and student-athletes will be required to wear face coverings.
9. Concessions will not be available.
10. Spectators should not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest.

We thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns before coming to our facilities, please do not hesitate to contact our athletic department.

For further detailed information regarding the Amherst Central Schools Athletics Reopening Plan please click [HERE](#).

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