



# Western Athletic Conference

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## Western Athletic Conference Statement on Spectators at Fall 2 Soccer Games

The Western Athletic Conference has developed a boys and girls varsity soccer schedule that utilizes neutral site turf fields that will allow league games to be played until weather improves and our school fields become playable. To make this work, we have created a schedule in which multiple games are played at a single location and with little time between games. With the number of people that would be coming from various counties to attend these games, the WAC, in consultation with our local county health departments and host sites, has made the difficult decision to not allow spectators at any of these neutral site soccer games. While we know this decision will be upsetting to many, it is being made with the health and safety of all spectators, families, players, coaches, officials and school communities in mind.

Failure to follow the no spectator rule will result in games being stopped until the premises is cleared. Further violations of the spectator rule could result in forfeiture of games and/or the elimination of neutral site games for the league. We are excited our teams have the opportunity to compete during this difficult year. While we understand families want to support their athlete in person, we appreciate your support and understanding of the circumstances.

On April 12th, games will move to our school fields (conditions permitting) in a traditional “home and away” format, at which time two spectators per athlete will be allowed. At that time, each athlete will be given two spectator passes. The individuals using those passes must enter through the designated area, display the pass and complete a COVID questionnaire prior to entering the field. Spectators must be masked and practice proper social distancing at all times. Failure to follow protocols will result in removal from the contest.

Thank you for your continued support during this most challenging time.

