

Barker Jr./Sr. High School

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Dear Student Athletes and Parent/Guardians,

I hope this letter is finding you in good health as we navigate together through this difficult start of the school year. I am happy to announce that we will have educational athletics this fall. Just like many of you I have been counting down the days to watch our Barker athletes take the field once again. Covid-19 has presented many challenges in the world of education, and educational athletics are no different. New York State has given school districts a comprehensive list of rules and regulations that we need to follow in order to move forward with athletics this fall. The purpose of this letter is to go over some of those rules and regulations to make sure that all athletes, parents/guardians and other spectators are aware of the rules and regulations to follow.

- 1.) Student athletes will need to be transported to practice on days when they are learning from home. I know this might be a problem for some parents but there are no other alternatives. If athletes cannot be transported to school for a 3:00 pm practice on a consistent basis they should not be participating this fall.
- 2.) There will be a sports bus that will transport athletes home from practices every Monday-Friday if needed and will depart the school at 5:15.
- 3.) Athletes will not have access to locker rooms and will have to bring practice clothing and equipment to and from school each day they attend.
 - Field Hockey players will keep equipment in the concession stand by the gym during the day.
 - Golfers Coach Mucha will let you know where you can keep your clubs
 - Soccer and Cross Country athletes see Mr. Carberry if you need a place to store your things.
- 4.) All athletes attending school must report to the high school gym for a sports study hall immediately after 9th period and remain there until the start of their practice at 3:00 pm.
- 5.) According to NYS Guidelines responsible parties must limit spectators to no more than 2 spectators per player.
 - I know this is not an ideal situation and can create potential problems, but these are the guidelines that the state has given to us.
 - Each athlete will receive 2 admission passes that they must give to their 2 spectators. Spectators must have admission passes for all home and away games/matches and will be asked to show to event supervisors.
- 6.) Spectators must always maintain a 6-foot physical distancing between individuals and/or family/household units.
- 7.) Spectators must wear face coverings when they are in common areas and situations where the 6 feet of distancing is not able to be maintained.
- 8.) There will be no access to bleachers or benches for spectators. Spectators will need to bring their own seating.

I truly appreciate the understanding of the rules and regulations that New York State has given us in order to phase in athletics for our students. Compliance with these rules and regulations will help not only the school district but also the region from stopping the spread of Covid-19. Thank you for your time and I hope that you and your family stay safe during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Ryan Carberry,
Director of Athletics