

# BRITTON-HECLA SCHOOL DISTRICT 45-4

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*The mission of the Britton-Hecla School District is to promote a positive, challenging and safe environment for every student.*

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## ATTENDANCE LIMITS

Britton-Hecla School District Patrons:

During our November school board meeting held on November 9, 2020, we held lengthy discussions on how to proceed with our Winter sports schedules given guidance from the South Dakota High School Activities Association and with serious regard to the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our district and surrounding communities. The focus of the Britton-Hecla School District is to keep students on-site as long as possible and try to give our student athletes every opportunity to finish their seasons. Unfortunately, this means we will have to be willing to sacrifice some freedoms within our community to help us achieve that goal. Again, this is about giving our student athletes every opportunity to complete their seasons and if wearing a mask can help facilitate that, we ask that you put personal feelings aside and please do it for the kids. We will be implementing the following for all winter sports seasons:

1. We will **NOT** be having a concession stand or tailgating for any of our events due to social distancing and virus transmission concerns.
2. We will be asking that only parents and immediate family attend home events and that you watch the live-stream in lieu of attending in person whenever possible. We would like to limit attendance to 6 fans per team member. 'Team member' will hereafter be used to reference any individual listed on the program as being part of the team, which would include players, coaches, student assistants, and cheerleaders. Each student athlete will be asked to submit a list of 6 names for each event. Students will be allowed to edit names for each game but will have to communicate these changes to the office prior to game day. If these changes are to have any chance of being effective, we will only allow those listed access. **IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER.**

\*\*\*Please Note: 6-12 students are allowed into events and are **NOT** considered part of the 6 fans per team member. Any students K-5 **WILL BE** considered part of the 6 fans per team member. School staff members, or employees of the district, are also allowed to attend and not considered as part of the 6 fan limit.

3. We will be asking visiting teams to supply us with a list of people to allow into the contest. They too will be allowed to have 6 people per team member in attendance, and their names must be on the list to gain access to our facility.
4. In order to enhance our chances of success with these changes we are highly recommending that all fans wear a mask for all games or contests they attend.

Please understand that we are not making these changes without considerable thought and discussion. We as a District feel that limiting attendance, wearing masks, and social distancing as much as possible will give our student athletes the best chance to complete their seasons.

Steve Benson  
Superintendent