

STEARNS BASKETBALL GUIDELINES

Stearns Junior-Senior High School will be following the district's SRP as well as CDC guidelines for indoor sports.

Masking

- Indoor Sports: Universal masking of all athletes, coaches, referees, and spectators are required for all indoor sports while community spread is at a high (red) or substantial (orange) level as identified by the [US CDC County View](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home) for Penobscot & Piscataquis Counties (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>). This includes all middle, sub varsity, and varsity levels. Penquis will meet to revisit guidance as necessary.
 - Failure to comply with universal mask mandates may result in an individual's removal from the venue and may result in a forfeit of the match for the team represented by the individual.
 - While universal mask measures are in place for indoor play, food and drink will be prohibited in the same gymnasium where the athletic competition is taking place. Those schools who wish to set up a separate location for eating and drinking, may do so but are encouraged to secure 6-foot distances between individuals. There is no restriction for food and drink for outdoor events.

Fan Attendance

- Spectators will be required to wear masks during all indoor activities, **regardless of vaccination status.**

Home/Away fans:

- Home and away fans are allowed to attend indoor sporting events while following CDC guidelines.

Concessions

- The concession stand will be open however, no food/drinks are allowed in the gym. There will be an area set up with tables in the hallway of the lobby and in the classroom located beside the concession stand. We ask that you social distance while eating. We also ask that you clean up after yourself.

Cheerleaders/Pep Band

- Cheerleaders may attend home games.
- Stearns High School will allow pep band to play during varsity contests.

Tournament Play

- Tournament/Post-season play will be guided by MPA and hosting facility rules.

Coach Reminders

- Athletes and coaching staff must remain universally masked at all times, including on the bus, during the competition, and in locker rooms.
- Please remind athletes and coaching staff to step away at least 6-feet when lowering the mask to take a drink of water.
- Remind athletes and coaching staff to regularly wash and sanitize hands, especially when exiting and entering the competition.

Other considerations

- Locker rooms will be accessible to both home and away teams.
- When competing against teams with more stringent guidelines, these will be followed
- Home games will be streamed through NFHS