

Fall Post Season Play for Team Sports from President Brett Banker

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Member Schools:

With yesterday's announcement from Governor Cuomo's office, directing all of Erie County to enter the classification of a yellow zone, the Executive Committee of Section VI met this afternoon to discuss our remaining playoffs for fall sports.

It is our responsibility as the governing body of the postseason to make difficult decisions for the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, support staff and families. We feel it imperative that we support the directives of our state and county executives in these matters.

The Executive Committee is not only reinforcing the protocols that were created earlier this fall but making them more restrictive through our playoff format. **Starting today and through the conclusion of our championships, District's that are scheduled to host an event and who are identified as being in the Yellow Zone must:**

- 1) Demand a pass list from both schools which lists the players and the name of the **ONE** individual that they wish to attend the contest. *This is a reduction from the two passes that have been referenced this season.*
- 2) Temperatures must be taken at the gates prior to entry. Individuals with temperatures of 100 degrees may not gain entry.
- 3) Game supervisors must create both home and visiting sections for spectators. The two groups must be directed to their assigned areas and be separated. Masks must be worn by all spectators.
- 4) Concessions are not allowed.
- 5) Public restrooms must be monitored for required social distancing standards.

With these reinforced and more stringent protocols, schools must follow the brackets as created by the Section, **including the sites of contests.**

Failure to appear at a site or failure for home teams to uphold these standards, could result in expulsion from the remainder of the tournament.

Districts who are not identified as being in a Yellow Zone may continue with the two-pass protocol.

Your Executive Committee has reinforced and strengthened these protocols out of an abundance of caution. We are committed to attempting to maintain healthy and safe environments for all participants.