

# South Puget Sound League 4A Media Guidelines 2020-21

During the COVID-19 pandemic the schools of the SPSL 4A places the safety of our students and adults participating as the top priority. Members of the media are expected to honor this commitment to safety by following these guidelines.

It is the intent of the SPSL schools to have media coverage of high school events as media is a key component in the promotion of education-based athletics. The Department of Health has limited occupancy of athletic venues to 25% or 200 maximum. This number includes players, coaches, team personnel, other student groups, officials, and contest management. There may be a limited number of allocations for media as the priorities of the SPSL are the students and parents (when possible).

## Event Pre-Registration

Pre-register to indicate your intent to attend the event by e-mailing the **host school athletic director** no less than **3 school days prior to the contest**. This will allow AD's to determine how many media spots are available with the limited capacity. A list of e-mails is on the back of this document.

Include: Name; publication; reporter, photographer, other role; date and event

If media requests outnumber available allocations at an event, AD's will need to make decisions about who will attend. Publications may be limited to one person if capacity is reached.

Athletic Directors will confirm or deny the request to attend no later than 24 hours prior to an event.

## Keys to the prevention of COVID transmission at SPSL events

- Screening process, completion of electronic or paper attestation.
- Properly wearing a face mask
- Physical Distancing
- Sanitizing hands on entering, during the contest, and when exiting.
- STAY HOME if you are not feeling well

## Event Screening

Prior to entering a school event facility all staff, participants and media must complete the screening process required by the school. This will typically involve check-in at the pass gate and providing contact information; answering a set of questions or COVID attestation; temperature check; and receiving credentials for the event.

## Face Covering Requirements

- While at a high school event all participants, staff and media must wear a face covering.
- Face masks must cover the mouth and nose at all times, and touch the face.
- A face mask is preferred, though a gaiter is allowed. Shields are considered secondary protection.

## Physical Distancing

Remain a minimum of 6 feet away from any student, coach or staff member at all times. More than 6 feet is preferred as added protection for the participants.

Do not enter the team bench or box areas. Any movement from one end of the venue to another must avoid close proximity to participants and staff.

[WIAA COVID guidelines](#) have changed some aspects of the game, which will impact where media can be on the field. An example is the football team box now extends to the 10-yard lines.

## Broadcasts

SPSL schools will be providing broadcasts of many events. Live or delayed broadcasts of SPSL events is prohibited without permission from the home athletic director.

## SPSL 4A Athletic Directors

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Rogers HS	Peter Collins	collinpj@puyallup.k12.wa.us
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Sumner SD (Sunset Chev)	Tim Thomsen	tim_thomsen@sumnersd.org

