

Gilmour Academy Winter Athletics Interim Update: 2021-2022 Season

As a result of the surge in positive cases of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, the following guidelines will be enforced **during January and February of the winter sports season**. Please familiarize yourself with the information below prior to attending any Gilmour Academy contest during these two months. We will reevaluate based on COVID data at the end of February as we head into state tournament competition.

Mask and Social Distancing Policy

Spectators are required to wear masks at all times while attending an athletic contest at Gilmour. Spectators are expected to practice social distancing at all sporting events at Gilmour. Spectators from the same household are permitted to sit next to each other without distancing at contests.

Spectator Policy

To allow for appropriate social distancing, Gilmour will be temporarily restricting the number of spectators for our home indoor athletic competitions.

- Boys basketball, girls basketball and cheerleading will allow a maximum of six (6) spectators per student-athlete, based on the seating capacity of Lancer Gymnasium.
- Boys prep, girls prep, boys 16-U, varsity A, varsity B, JV, figure skating and all ice arena programming (learn-to-skate, open freestyle and youth hockey) will allow a maximum of two (2) spectators per athlete, based on the seating capacity of the Floyd E. Stefanski Ice Center.
- Boys and girls swimming will allow a maximum of two (2) spectators per student-athlete, based on the seating capacity of Lancer Natatorium.

Family members and friends of the student-athletes can livestream all varsity and most junior varsity athletic contests in Lancer Gymnasium at gilmour.org/live and in the Floyd E. Stefanski Ice Center through Live Barn at livebarn.com

Check-In

All spectators will need to check in at the admission gate at every home athletic contest and will need to identify the student-athlete with whom they are associated. A limited quantity of tickets will continue to be sold at the gate for visitors at all athletic contests. The cost of admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Currently, we only accept cash at the gate. Members of the Gilmour community can present their Lancer Athletic Pass or Gilmour Academy ID for free admission to all home sporting events.

The ice arena will only charge a gate fee for boys varsity A hockey contests.

Exiting Policy

All spectators, student-athletes and coaches are expected to promptly exit Gilmour athletic facilities at the conclusion of each sporting event on campus.

- **Freshman spectators** will be permitted to enter the Gilmour Academy Athletic Center 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Freshman spectators will exit immediately following the freshman contest.
- **Junior Varsity spectators** will be permitted to enter the Gilmour Academy Athletic Center after the Lancer Gymnasium has been disinfected at the conclusion of the freshman contest. Junior varsity spectators will exit immediately following the junior varsity contest.
- **Varsity spectators** will be permitted to enter the Gilmour Academy Athletic Center after the Lancer Gymnasium has been disinfected at the conclusion of the junior varsity contest. Varsity spectators will exit immediately following the varsity contest.

Parents and guardians will be asked to wait in their vehicles for their student-athletes at the conclusion of all athletic contests.

Student Spectators

Student sections are temporarily suspended for Gilmour Academy athletic contests. Students are permitted to attend an athletic contest if they are identified as one of a student-athlete's allocated spectators. Friends of student-athletes who are unable to watch the game in person can livestream all athletic contests in Lancer Gymnasium at gilmour.org/live and in the Floyd E. Stefanski Ice Center at livebarn.com.

Concessions

Unfortunately, we will once again need to suspend concessions at home athletic contests. Spectators may bring non-alcoholic beverages in reusable containers to contests. Water fountains will not be available for use, though water filling stations will be available at select areas on campus. All athletes must bring their own water to Gilmour Academy sporting events. Gilmour will not supply water bottles, water jugs or paper cups at athletic events. No catering, delivery or food from an outside vendor will be permitted at any Gilmour athletic contest. Teams and spectators are prohibited from having communal snack bins and/or coolers at Gilmour sporting events.

Restrooms

Restrooms will be available in the Athletic Center and Ice Arena. Spectators are expected to maintain social distance while waiting in line to use the restroom. Handwashing and hand sanitizing stations will be set up at all restroom locations and at other designated areas on campus.

Tailgating

Tailgating is strictly prohibited at all sporting events at Gilmour Academy.

Away Contests

Fans of Gilmour Academy Athletics represent our community whether we are on or off campus; therefore, Gilmour fans must respect and adhere to the COVID-19 policies set forth by other schools when traveling to away contests. Information about those guidelines will be provided to families by their student-athlete's coaches.

Quarantine Guidelines: Mask to Stay/Test to Play

We will be following the guidelines we received from the Ohio Department of Health on December 30. Our student-athletes will follow the "Test to Play" protocol explained in the link below, testing immediately upon notification of exposure and then again on the fifth day after exposure (required).

- [ODH's mask to stay/test to play guidelines for students](#)