



Event Security Procedure

Be Clear on Game Day for Safety and Security

**Pasco County Schools, Effective Date September 14, 2018.*

There are two primary components to the modified events security procedure listed below:

1. A new bag procedure;
2. Patron code of conduct.

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General Security Related Protocols and Logistics

1. Clear the parking lots immediately after the game, -- no loitering or “after parties” in the parking lot.
2. No ticket sales after ¾ of the event / game has expired.
3. No re-entry.
4. Signage and a video regarding bag searches will be provided by Communications.

Staffing Assignments / Screening and Venue Entry Procedures

1. **Ticket seller(s)/security screeners** (school staff)
 - a. Responsible for selling tickets for entry, and collecting monies.
 - b. Assigned to inspecting diaper bags, medically necessary carry items, or clear bags containing items of concern prior to entry.
 - c. Notify law enforcement of any illegal or dangerous items (refer to “*Event Security, and Bag Search Procedures Guide*”).

2. **Search Procedures:**
 - a. **Bag searches will be required of anyone carrying a diaper bag or a bag that is claimed as being medically necessary.**
 - b. **Clear bags with items of concern may also be searched.**
 - c. Bag search areas should be located in areas with sufficient room for crowd movement and separated to keep the flow of patrons entering the venue moving.
 - d. Signage identifying restricted and permissible items should be posted at all bag search locations and entry areas.
 - e. The bag check and screening procedure should be posted in the parking lots, on school websites, and on school social media sites.

3. **Law Enforcement Staffing**
 - a. The number of law enforcement officers will be determined by school principals for any given event in consultation with local law enforcement.
 - b. Law enforcement's role is venue security and safety, they should not be assigned to search bags. The searches should be conducted by trained school staff members on duty. Law enforcement is there to take possession of illegal or dangerous items and respond to irate customers encountered by bag searchers.

4. **Supplies Needed for bag check and entry areas:**
 - a. Disposable latex gloves
 - b. 12" non-metallic, non-magnetic dowels (screening sticks used for searching bags).
 - c. The stick allows the bag searcher to move items around inside the bag without making physical contact with the items in the bag (see figure 1).
 - d. The stick can also be used to tap the bottom and sides of the bag to aid in determining whether there is a false bottom or compartment.
 - e. A flashlight to aid in viewing inside bags or containers as necessary.
 - f. Tape, permanent markers, colored tags
 - g. Containers/Bins to confine and sort items if something must be removed from a package or bag.
 - h. Communication equipment such as a cell phone, and radio for notifying a supervisor or calling for law enforcement support.

5. If a ticket holder refuses to comply with a bag search, they should be allowed to return the item to their car. The searcher should contact a supervisor to reinforce the bag search procedures as a requirement for entry into the venue. This process should be conducted in a non-combative manner by asking the ticket holder to stand aside from the bag search line to allow others to pass through while waiting for the supervisor to arrive. ***Law enforcement may provide support for anyone becoming confrontational with staff.***

6. Individuals without items requiring a search should be allowed to bypass the bag search area. This arrangement will streamline the inspection process and will help improve in processing times.

Consent and Right to Refuse Bag Search

Bag searches of ticket holders are voluntary, however, **failure to allow a bag search will result in denial of entry**. A ticket holder will be permitted to return unapproved bags or items to their vehicle prior to making entry.

If a ticket holder refuses to comply with the bag search, bag searchers should contact the bag search supervisor to reinforce the bag search procedures as a requirement for entry into the venue. This process should be conducted in a non-combative manner by asking the ticket holder to stand aside from the bag search line to allow others to pass through while waiting for the supervisor to arrive. An exit lane should be available to allow ticket holders who do not wish to have their bags searched to leave the venue.

Procedure/Training

1. Video driven instruction regarding the security procedure and the proper method for searching a bag will be provided by Communications.
2. Refer to the *“Event Security, and Bag Search Procedures Guide”* for details on screening and search protocols.

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Food and Drinks not purchased at the venue

Allowed items include the following:

Ponchos if worn, carried over the arm, or in original sealed clear package
Blankets and/or towels if unrolled or unfolded
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Seat cushions
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NO OTHER BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED; this includes purses, backpacks, fanny packs, and duffle bags.

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CCMHS Safety Procedures

Beginning September 14th, Pasco County Schools will institute safety procedures for all sporting events. Only clear plastic, clear vinyl, and clear Ziploc bags will be permitted. Diaper bags, medically-necessary bags, and school/professional photographers' camera bags will be allowed. No other bags of ANY kind will be permitted, including backpacks, fanny packs, purses and duffle bags. All bags are subject to search at the discretion of the school officials.

CCMHS Admission Policy

- No entry/ticket sales after the fourth quarter begins of football games.
- No entry/ticket sales after the beginning of the third game of the varsity match in volleyball.
- No entry/ticket sales after the beginning of the fourth quarter of the varsity basketball game.
- No entry/ticket sales after the beginning of the 8th weight class of a dual meet for wrestling.
- No entry/ticket sales after the beginning of the second half of the varsity soccer or lacrosse game.
- No entry/ticket sales after the beginning of the fifth inning of a baseball or softball game.

Individuals without items requiring a search will be allowed to bypass the bag search area to pay admission or show a pass.

No reentry if patrons leave the event at any point of the event.

In the rare case of a hardship circumstance, patrons may petition to the administrator in charge for an exception to the admission policy. Their decision is final.

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Addendum to athletic sporting events procedure:

Wrestling / Track / or other all-day tournament style events:

This update is to provide additional guidance on current athletic event procedures. Unless otherwise noted, all current procedures remain in place.

Wrestling, Track and Field, and other tournament style events held on District School Board Pasco County venues:

Coolers / Outside Food and Snacks: Athletes / Teams at the above events will be allowed to bring in coolers of non-alcoholic beverages and food for team consumption only and will be subject to search. These items are to be kept in the team area.

Re-entry: Schools / venues may use a stamp or wristband for the above-mentioned events to allow for re-entry. Any bags / authorized items brought back into the event / venue are subject to search.

Bags: Athletic / Team equipment bags are subject to search upon initial entry and re-entry. All other current procedures for bag at District School Board Pasco County apply.