

OSSAA State Events to be held at the Jim Norick Arena in 2021

(These guidelines are specific to events held at the Jim Norick Arena at the State Fairgrounds only.)

The State Fairgrounds and the Oklahoma County Health Department have determined attendance numbers at the Jim Norick Arena, the site of OSSAA's State Championship Wrestling and Basketball Tournaments, will be a 25% capacity for non-participants. A 25% capacity limit would be approximately 2,128 since no seating is allowed this year on the playing floor or mat area. (Please keep in mind as we look at providing guidelines for basketball and wrestling at the Arena that each basketball game has two schools participating while each wrestling session will have all schools from two classes participating--- numerically, we cannot set the guidelines for each school to be the same for each activity.) All ticketing for events at the Arena will be sold on-line through the Fairgrounds Ticket Office. No paper tickets will be sold on-site. In an effort to ensure each student participating may have representation in the crowd, OSSAA has modified our guidelines for events held at the Jim Norick Arena to the following:

1. **No OSSAA Playoff Passes will be honored for admission.** Each participating school will receive administrator passes designated for each basketball game (four administrator passes for each participating school) or wrestling session (three administrator passes for each participating school.)
2. **In basketball, the ticket price will be \$5 per game.** The Arena will be cleared between each game.
3. **In wrestling, the ticket price is \$10 per session.** The Arena will be cleared between each session.
4. **Each participating school will receive a link to purchasing tickets set aside for your school.** The number of tickets set aside for each participating school will be based on the number of athletes participating and spirit squads. School administration may choose with whom to share the link with the set aside tickets.
5. **In basketball, a public link for electronic tickets will be made available on the Fairgrounds Ticket Office Site and the OSSAA website 24 hours prior to the Quarterfinal games. For the Semi-Finals and Final games, the public link will open at the end of the second contest determining the participants for the game.**
6. **In wrestling, a public link for electronic tickets for the boys sessions will be made available on the Fairgrounds Ticket Office Site at 8 am February 24.** A link on the OSSAA website will also take you to the Fairgrounds Ticket Office ticket site. (A link to tickets for the girls sessions on Thursday is currently open on the Fairgrounds Ticket Office Site.)

We anticipate these guidelines may prevent some fans from getting an opportunity to attend a state event, including many fans that have attended the OSSAA State Events for many years and have supported OSSAA events over a lifetime. Our goal in this COVID year of participation is to provide an opportunity for the student-athletes in the OSSAA member schools in 2021 to experience state level competition. Site attendance restrictions for fans will need to be secondary to providing a state tournament experience for the students.