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Red Raider Supporters:

As you are aware, we are a member of the Wasaren League Athletic Conference. The league voted and approved the attached guidelines for the upcoming winter season.

Many of our competing league schools have relatively small gymnasium facilities compared to Mechanicville. As such, the league agreed to limit visiting spectators in order to maximize the experience for home fans.

Therefore, each visiting athlete will be provided with 2 passes for contests away from Mechanicville. Currently, this only applies to Wasaren League contests, and the list of schools is on the attached document. We voiced our disappointment with this decision as our teams families and fans travel well to away contests. Although we are disappointed, we certainly understand the intent to promote a safe environment for all student athletes and fans.

To minimize this inconvenience, many schools will be streaming the games. For those with the capacity to do so we will provide you with the link to the game so that you can share it with family and friends.

For home contests, we will be following the Wasaren League recommendation of limiting spectators to 75% capacity. Due to our visiting teams having limited attendance we do not foresee this being an issue for our families, community, and student body who wish to attend. Our gymnasium has a 1400 person capacity. 75% allows for 1050 persons to attend. Limiting the visiting team to approximately 50 spectators will allow for 1000 MCSD supporters.

In addition, we will be streaming all games through our HUDL camera system. We will post the link for anyone interested, but unable to attend in person. Please review the attached protocols for the Wasaren League winter sports season, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Mitchell Jr/Sr High School Principal