WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SIDELINE PROCEDURES FOR ATHLETICS
Effective August 23, 2017
(revised November 2026)

1. Each person on the sidelines must serve a purpose and their presence shall be approved in advance. Approved people will wear a lanyard/pass for the duration of the game (not including coaches) and remain the the designated area during the game
    a. Members of the media must submit a written request for credentials and updates/renewals may be requested by the administration
    b. Media credentials may be revoked by administration for unprofessional and/or inappropriate conduct
    c. Student photographers are not permitted on the sidelines, regardless of media affiliation

2. Sideline defined as the area where the players/coaches are positioned during the game

3. Each person, or their parent/guardian, on the sidelines, including coaches, will sign a waiver and release which acknowledges the danger involved in being present on the sidelines and a release of liability in the event of an injury.

4. Children/Students access to the sideline will be restricted based on the following guidelines
    a. Students under 6th grade are not permitted to access Football Sidelines
    b. Students under 4th grade are not permitted to access any sideline

5. Each person on the sidelines should remain within a designated area to be determined based upon the sporting event involved.
    a. Credentialed members of the Media will be advised about the areas available for press coverage depending on the the venue

6. Injured athletes on the sidelines should also stay in areas that will minimize their presence in the area of the field where activity is taking place.

7. Persons should stay in designated areas (to be determined by sport and venue) located away from the players/coaches.
    a. Wyoming Area Football Stadium-
        i. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association requires all side-line observers to stay outside of the coaches' box, or two yards back from the side-line between the 25-yard lines, when the ball is in play.

ii. Field Hockey, Soccer, Lacrosse- Only Only athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers are allowed on the side where the bench is located

b. Wyoming Area Field Hockey Field- Only athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers are allowed on the side where the bench is located; all others must in the spectator area
c. Wyoming Area Soccer/Lacrosse Field- Only athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers are allowed on the side where the bench is located; all others must be in the spectator area on the school side of the field; no one is permitted to past the perimeter markings along the top of the bowl
d. Wyoming Area Baseball/Softball Fields- Only athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers are allowed inside the perimeter fence of the fields
e. Wyoming Area Tennis Courts- Only athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers are allowed on the courts
f. Wyoming Area Pool- Only athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers are allowed on the deck of the pool
g. Administration has the discretion to alter/change/revise these areas

8. New fields, stadiums, courts, and arenas should be inspected and all persons present on the sidelines should be familiar with the applicable setbacks and other restrictions established.

9. The sideline manager, or designee, for each game is to enforce the sideline rules put in place and to remind those present on the sidelines to observe the rules and to ensure that only those authorized are present on the sidelines..

10. Each person on the sidelines shall not interfere with the competition nor its participants (athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers) as well as abide by PIAA guidelines for their conduct, which prohibits abusive language, negative gestures, or taunting directed toward players, coaches, officials, or spectators

11. Video, Audio, and still photography will accurately reflect the environment of the sporting event

13. Sideline Manager, or designee, has the right to remove anyone for violations of this policy, district policy, and/or local, state, federal law

14. Persons on the sidelines shall comport themselves professionally, any violation or disruptions is grounds for immediate removal from the sideline and/or the venue

12. These recommendations may be modified as necessary for different sporting events and may be revised by administration at any time.