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Hey Spartans!

I'm Mr. Pierce, the athletic director at Vista Grande.

Home athletic events are scheduled to begin this week. The athletic department has received many questions from student athletes, coaches, parents & guardians, and other interested Vista Athletics stakeholders.

Questions have ranged from, will Vista have sports this year? Are we allowing spectators at home events? What is the athletic department's plan on addressing COVID19 issues this academic year?

In an attempt to keep everyone on the same page, please follow along as I attempt to address many of these questions.

### **Will Vista have athletic seasons this year?**

Yes, our full roster of sports will be offered.

Fall sports programs have begun official team practices already. If a Vista student is interested in participating in a winter or spring sport, please take the first step in the initial eligibility process and create a profile account on [Register My Athlete](https://www.registermyathlete.com). This can be accomplished by going to [www.registermyathlete.com](https://www.registermyathlete.com) or simply googling Register My Athlete.

In addition, feel free to come down to Mrs. Smothers office or my (Mr. Pierce) office for more information.

### **Will Vista be allowing spectators at home events?**

Yes... In fact, the CGUHSD district office and both site administrations have a tiered policy for allowing spectators to attend home athletic events.

There are tiers 1 through 5.

1 being the lowest # and representing the lowest amount of restrictions vs. 5 being the highest and having the highest amount of restrictions.

Tier 1 involves minimal restrictions. Home events in a Tier 1 setting will allow Vista to have spectators at each event venue's full capacity. Spectators will be asked to social distance in seating areas. All concession items may be sold in a Tier 1 setting.

Tier 2 involves home events being limited to only 75% of full capacity. Spectators will be asked to social distance in seating areas. All concession items may be sold in a Tier 2 setting.

Tier 3 involves home events being limited to only 50% of full capacity. Spectators will be asked to social distance in seating areas. Only pre-packed concession items may be sold in a Tier 3 setting.

Tier 4 involves home events being limited to only 2 guest per student athlete. Spectators will be asked to social distance in seating areas. No concessions will be sold. Spectators may bring refreshments, no coolers.

Tier 5 involves no guest. Student athletes, coaches, officials, and designated event staff will only be in attendance.

A CGUHSD mask policy may be implemented at any Tier level. If there is not a CGUHSD mask mandate, it is strongly encouraged that all guest wear a face mask while attending Vista sporting events.

With that being said, Vista will be charging admission to spectators of football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball this upcoming year.

We will be selling digital tickets through GoFan. Please go to [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co) and not [www.gofan.com](http://www.gofan.com). When you go to [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co), please type in Vista Grande High School and find our digital ticket website to purchase tickets to the home athletics event of your choice.

This is new for Vista and the athletic department will provide the opportunity for spectators to purchase tickets with cash at the ticket gate. Please be aware that cash tickets will be more expensive than the digital tickets.

I would also like to mention, GoFan was the digital ticket provider for Vista's softball post-season home games during their amazing run to the state championship last year. Vista families gave positive reviews on their GoFan digital ticketing experience.

The CGUHSD and Vista administrations are excited and committed to providing our coaches and student athletes the opportunity to practice and compete in the best environment as possible. Any Restrictions or policies put in place that could be considered inconvenient when compared to pre-pandemic practice and competition environments are made with careful consideration of all Vista athletic stakeholders.