

Event Security Procedure

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.

Bag Procedure

All bags are subject to search upon entry. Bags and items not permitted on Pasco County Schools property must be returned to the patron's vehicle.

1. **ONLY** bags that are **clear, plastic, or vinyl** are permitted inside an event venue. Clear Ziploc bags are permitted.
2. **No other bags of ANY kind are permitted.** This includes backpacks, fanny packs, purses and duffle bags.
3. An exception will be made for medically necessary items and diaper bags. These bags will be subject to search prior to entry, unless the item meets the clear bag guidelines.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to the following: (POSTED)

1. Firearms
2. Weapons of any kind
3. Knives
4. Any item that could be used as a missile
5. Fireworks
6. Aerosol or spray bottles (including those of sunscreen)
7. Glass
8. Recreational Balls
9. Horns/Lasers
10. Illegal Drugs
11. Alcoholic beverages of any kind
12. Pets (exceptions will be made for service animals)
13. Coolers
14. Sticks/Poles/Camera/"Selfie" Sticks/Extenders or Gimbals
15. Unmanned Aircraft Systems & Radio Controlled Model Aircraft/Drones (strictly prohibited on stadium property including parking lots, stadium exterior and inside the stadium)
16. Food and Drinks not purchased at the venue

Allowed Items Include the following: (POSTED)

1. Ponchos if worn, carried over the arm, or in original sealed clear package
2. Blankets and/or towels if unrolled or unfolded
3. Small, handheld radios or TVs with earphones
4. Binoculars, worn around the neck or carried (not in a case)
5. Cameras with carry strap (not carried in a case)
6. Sunscreen lotion (no aerosol or spray bottles)

7. Banners and/or flags without sticks or poles
8. Laptops/tablets
9. Seat cushions

Patron Code of Conduct (POSTED)

Students are expected to abide by the Pasco County Schools Student Code of Conduct. Pasco County Schools is committed to creating a safe, comfortable and enjoyable experience for all fans, both in the stadium and in the parking lots. We want all fans attending our events to enjoy the experience in a responsible fashion. When attending a game, you are required to refrain from the following behaviors:

1. Behavior that is unruly, disruptive or illegal in nature
2. Intoxication or other signs of alcohol or drug impairment that results in irresponsible behavior
3. Foul or abusive language or obscene gestures
4. Interference with the progress of the game (including throwing objects onto the field)
5. Failing to follow instructions of school officials
6. Verbal or physical harassment of opposing team fans

Event patrons are responsible for their conduct as well as the conduct of their guests and/or persons occupying their seats. Staff will promptly intervene to support an environment where event patrons, their guests and other fans can enjoy the event free from the above behavior. Event patrons and guests who violate these provisions will be subject to ejection without refund and loss of ticket privileges for future games.

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 reentry if a patron leaves the game at ANY point.
3. No entry/ticket sales after the third quarter kick-off (football games).
4. No entry/ticket sales after the beginning of the 4th quarter (basketball games).
5. 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 with items of concern prior to entry.
 - c. Notify law enforcement of any illegal or dangerous items.
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. Clear bags with items of concern may be searched.**
 - b. 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.
 - c. Signage identifying restricted and permissible items should be posted at all bag search locations.

- d. 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**
- a. The number of law enforcement officers will be determined by the Principals for any given event in consultation with local law enforcement.
4. **Supplies Needed for bag check and entry areas:**
- a. Latex gloves
 - b. 12” wooden dowels (screening sticks used for searching bags). The stick allows the bag searcher to move items around inside the bag without making physical contact with the items in the bag. 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.
 - c. Flashlight to see inside bags during low light conditions.
 - d. Containers/Bins – to confine and sort items if items must be removed from a package or bag.
 - e. Communication equipment – cell phones, radios (with instructions on when to use and not use them depending upon the items discovered during a bag search).
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.

Procedure/Training

Video driven instruction regarding the security procedure and the proper method for searching a bag will be provided.