



**FINAL: August 27, 2019**

**Department of Athletics**

**DQ Fan Field  
McAllen Veterans Memorial Stadium  
2001 North Bicentennial - McAllen, Texas 78501**

## **Stadium Guidelines and Procedures**

### **Admission to Press Box**

- Home Team Football Staff (coaches working and approved personnel)
- Visiting Team Football Staff (coaches working)
- Filming Crew (upstairs)
- Home & Visitor Half Time Band Announcers
- Press Box Game Workers on Duty
- Media Personnel – with Proper Identification and Scheduling
- Accommodations may be made by Athletic Dept. during inclement weather (Home Film Crew 1<sup>st</sup> Priority)
- Scouts (Due to limited seating in press box, scouts may sit on top row on Home Side)

### **Entry to Stadium**

- **Gates open one hour prior to game time.**
- Home football teams, athletic trainers, student trainers, coaching staff, cheerleaders, drill team, band, and band equipment trucks (through south side main gate)
- Visitor football team, athletic trainers, student trainers, coaching staff, cheerleaders, and drill teams (through northeast gate off of Bicentennial)
- Visitor band and band equipment trucks (through south side main gate)
- MISD Sub-Varsity Athletes (on pass list may enter through band hall gate)
- Officials (will drive in through south side main entry)
- Home Cheerleaders and Drill teams with Sponsors and in Uniform (Home south side gate)
- Pass List Guests (enter through south side main entry)
- MISD Athletic Coordinators & all coaches (Band hall gate or main ticket entries with 30-6A UIL pass)
- Band Boosters (enter through band hall gate/must be on pass list)
- Run Through Tunnel Personnel (enter through south side main entry)
- Present and Former MISD School Board Members (enter through south side main entry/may park in designated area)
- Media & Sportscasters (enter through south side main entry/ must present media identification). Only one vehicle will be allowed in restricted area for “live broadcast” vehicles.
- Parents during Parent’s Night (enter through band hall gate & main ticket entries/ticket required for entry)
- Homecoming Court, Class Representatives, or Volunteers assisting (must be on a pass list and may enter through band hall gate)
- Class Reunions (must purchase a ticket/may enter through main ticket entries)
- Please refer to McAllen ISD Police Department Safety Plan in regards to vehicular traffic inside stadium.
- **Backpacks and duffle bags will not be permitted in stadium facility for Varsity Football Games.**
- **All items are subject to be checked prior to entry to the stadium.**

### **Sidelines/Team Area**

- The head coach is in charge of all coaches, players, ball boys, and team managers in their team area.
- Athletic trainers are in charge of their student athletic trainers.
- Individuals without a sideline pass must remain in the stands at all times. No unauthorized children will be allowed on the sideline, field, or track area during pre-game or game.
- Media may **not** be inside team and coaches' area.
- Middle School Football Coaches wearing their school coaching shirt will be allowed on their team sideline when their vertical team high school is playing.
- Only water is allowed on track and field areas.
- **All media must have clearance and be approved for coverage on the sidelines for Varsity Football games.**
- The Athletic Department and Police Personnel along with campus game administrators are responsible for enforcing all stadium guidelines.

### **Signs/Banners**

- Only non-paper banners or signs approved by the campus and Athletic Department will be allowed and must be removed immediately after the game.
- All banners must be tied to the stadium railing. The taping of any signs will not be permitted.
- Paper signs will **not** be allowed to be displayed on stadium property or breezeway.
- Signs may **not** obstruct the view of spectators.
- Individual player signs may be hand held, but may not be displayed at stadium.
- Spirit crews with hand held flags will be allowed to participate during the game (with campus approval).

### **Student and Fan Conduct**

- Students are to be reminded that they are at a school function and representing their school. All students must comply with the MISD code of conduct.
- All students and fans attending school sponsored events may **not** enter the game without their shirts on and may **not** take shirts off during the game or function.
- Positive sportsmanship is expected from all students, fans, and spectators. Anyone failing to comply with any rules and guidelines will be escorted out of the stadium.
- All spectators and fans must sit in stands – no soliciting will be allowed in the breezeway or walkways.

### **Fundraising**

- Inside stadium sales are exclusive to high school designated athletic boosters, band boosters, cheer boosters, dance boosters, and ROTC.
- Food and drink items may **not** be sold by any school group or others when concession stands are available. Outside food and drinks will **not** be allowed in stadium when concession stands are held.
- All fundraising activities within stadium premises must have campus and Athletic Department approval.

### **Field and Track Guidelines**

- The following items are **not** allowed on field or track: tobacco, tobacco products, gum, sun flower seeds, shelled nuts, confetti, silly string, spiked heeled shoes, lighters, candles, luminaries, bicycles, skateboards, and balloons.
- Throwing baby powder, **confetti**, glitter, silly string, or other similar items will **not** be allowed.
- Tobacco, tobacco products and alcohol are **not** allowed anywhere on school property.
- Strollers are only allowed on bottom row of stadium seating area.
- Animals are **not** allowed in the stadium area with the exceptions of a Seeing Eye Dog or a Canine Officer.
- Only water is allowed on the turf field and track.
- No glass bottles, cans, or food are allowed on the turf, track, or stadium area.
- As per UIL regulations, no fans or spectators are allowed on the field before, during, or after a contest.
- There will be no crossing over by spectators from the home side to the visitor side or vice versa.

- MISD reserves the right to limit noisemakers. No whistles or mechanical air horns will be allowed. Any homemade noisemakers which may be used as projectiles will **not** be allowed. Musical instruments shall only be used by participating bands.
- Students leaving the stadium during a game and planning to return must be forewarned that their departure will be monitored and re-entry may be denied without purchase of another ticket.
- Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Only the home team will be allowed to use speaker systems.
- Number of students representing a group on sideline or track will be limited due to safety reasons.

#### **Vehicles/Emergency Access**

- Vehicular access to the track and field is prohibited to all vehicles except approved MISD gators and golf carts. Turf friendly tires are recommended. No vehicles may park on track at any time.
- No heavy loads will be allowed on the track or turf.
- Exceptions must be approved and cleared by the MISD Athletic Director and MISD Police Department.

#### **Equipment**

- All equipment brought into the stadium needs to be rubber-based or rubber tipped.
- Sharp edges which may cause damage to the artificial turf shall **not** be allowed.
- Items in question to be used at games or during half time performances must have prior Athletic Department approval.

#### **Tailgating**

- For tailgating details and information, please call Paula Gonzalez MISD Athletic Director at (956) 618-6089 or email at [paula.gonzalez@mcallenisd.net](mailto:paula.gonzalez@mcallenisd.net) at least 2 days prior to game.

#### **Contact Information**

- For any other questions, contact Paula Gonzalez, McAllen Independent School Athletic Director at (956) 618-6089 or [paula.gonzalez@mcallenisd.net](mailto:paula.gonzalez@mcallenisd.net).