

# LSA Track and Field Covid Protocols for Meets



## Face Coverings Required for Contest Personnel:

- Head Coach
- Assistant Coaches
- Athletic Trainers
- Judges and field assistants
- Time Station
- Gate station
- Temperature Station
- Meet workers



## Face Coverings:

- Face Coverings will be required at all times (free times and warmups) except while the athlete is competing in a race or during an attempt of a field event.
- Athletes may remove their face covering when they step on to the track for the start of a race, into the ring for an official throw, or on the runway for an official jump.
- Athletes will keep their face covering on their person during the race or field event attempt and will use it again after the completion of their race or field event attempt.
- Non-compliance with this rule may result in disqualification from an event.

## Arrival

- All opposing team members, coaches, managers and administrators exit and enter the facilities wearing face coverings.
- All opposing team members may enter campus 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet.
- Opposing school team members will be asked to sanitize prior to entering the facilities.
- Temp checks of players, managers and coaches from all teams before entering the athletic areas.
- No Locker Rooms – Team camp locations will be designated.
- Teams should be restricted to team camps and visitor bleachers. Infield is off limits unless warming up 20 minutes prior to race.

## Team Camps

- Schools will be assigned a designated area where they can set up their team camp.
- If athletes are not warming up or actively participating in their event, they must be at their team camp.
- A map will be given to the coaches upon arrival to indicate where they can setup.
- Camps will NOT be allowed in the bleachers. Athletes may watch the races from the VISITOR bleachers.

## Warm up

- Athletes may warm up at the field event locations and on the track prior to the start of the meet.
- After the start of the meet, athletes must warm up outside the fence around the track or designated areas per event.
- Athletes will only be allowed on the infield of the track 20 minutes prior to the running of the race to warm up on the infield.
- Coaches may be on the infield during the meet. They must wear face coverings at all times and follow appropriate social distancing. Coaches will be issued a wrist band at check in.

## Shot Put

- Implements will NOT be shared.
- Report to check in at designated time (rings will be closed until designated time).
- Designated shot area for girls and boys or competition and warm-up.
- Designated spots for thrower, on deck, and in the hole.
- Coaches: Designated area for coaches between the 2 shot put areas.
- Spectators: May watch the event from the designated area.
- Social distance and mask are required while not actively participating.

## Discus Girls/Boys

- Implements will NOT be shared.
- Report to check in at designated time (rings will be closed until designated time).
- Designated discus ring for boys and girls or competition and warm-up.
- Designated spots for thrower, on deck, and in the hole.
- Coaches: Designated area for coaches.
- Spectators: May watch the event from designated areas.
- Social distance and mask are required while not actively participating.

## High Jump

- Report to check in at designated time (mats will be closed until designated time).
- Designated jumping area for boys and girls.
- Designated waiting area.
- Coaches: designated area for coaches.
- Spectators will be asked to watch from outside the track area.
- Social distance and mask are required while not actively participating.
- Opening height will be set on athletic.net.

## Long Jump/Triple Jump

- Report to check in at designated time.
- Designated jumping area for boys and girls.
- Designated waiting area.
- Coaches: designated area for coaches.
- Spectators will be asked to watch from outside the track area.
- Social distance and mask are required while not actively participating.

## Pole Vault

- Designated time for boys and girls
- Report to check in at designated time (mats will be closed until designated time)
- Designated waiting area
- Coaches: designated area for coaches
- Spectators will be asked to watch from outside the track area.
- Social distance and mask are required while not actively participating.
- Girls opening height 4'4" and boys height 5'4"

## Running Events

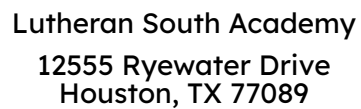
- Running Event will follow event time schedule.
- Report to event at designated time (Track will be closed for warm up until designated time).
- Designated waiting area.
- Designated Heat chutes.
- Coaches: designated area for coaches.
- Spectators will be asked to watch from outside the track area. (No spectators on the infield)
- Social distance and mask are required while not actively participating.

## Post-Race/Event

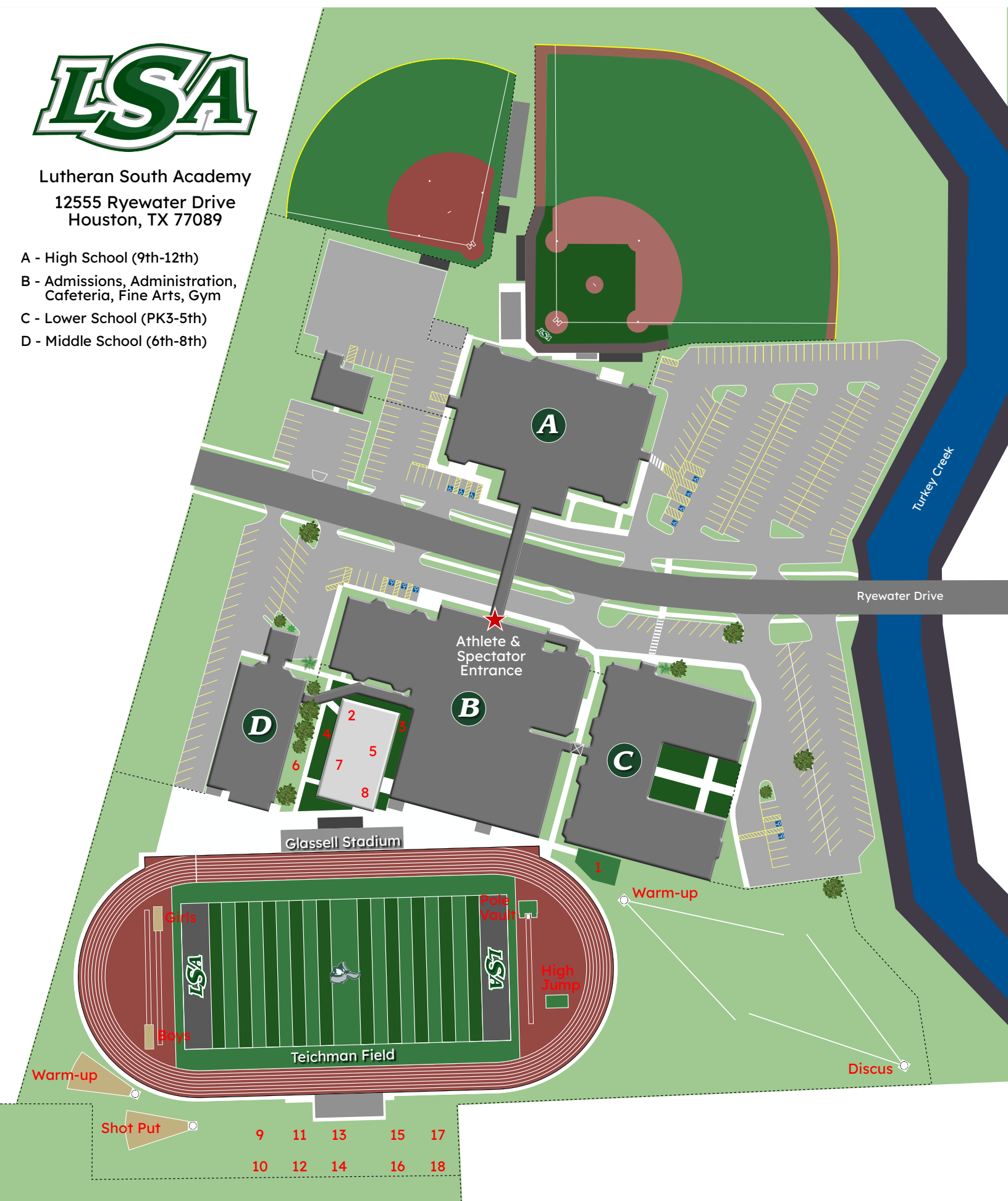
- Players and personnel are asked not to shake hands, fist bumps, etc.
- Players and coaches should:
  - Wear facemasks.
  - Practice social distancing.
- No post competition physical interaction between the teams:
  - No handshakes, slapping hands, etc. between the teams.
- Teams should observe social distancing when:
  - Leaving the team camp areas.
  - Leaving the playing areas.
  - Athletes should return to team camp area when not competing or warming up.

## Fans (Spectators)

- Capacity shall be limited to a maximum percentage as set and published by TAPPS.
  - Local authorities may be more restricted in this requirement than TAPPS. 25% Capacity.
- Fans must wear mask
  - Entering/Leaving the athletic facilities and surround areas.
  - When not social distancing, fans will remain outside the fence before, during, and after the meet and must wear a face covering while on LSA property.
  - Social distanced at least 6 feet between other fans or fan groups.
  - Face coverings should be worn when:
    - Moving throughout the crowd.
    - In common areas such as restrooms or concession areas.



- A - High School (9th-12th)  
B - Admissions, Administration, Cafeteria, Fine Arts, Gym  
C - Lower School (PK3-5th)  
D - Middle School (6th-8th)



## TAPPS Governing Rules

The TAPPS governing rules, as previously presented, are as follows for each of the following groups.

### Coaches

- TAPPS recommends that coaches actively coaching should wear face masks, however the individual school protocol shall govern whether a coach must wear a facemask.

### Athletes

- TAPPS provides for local control in this area for your athletes.
- Athletes may wear face masks on the field of play if they choose to do so. The decision to require masks is left to the individual school administration. The home team shall determine their protocols for their players and the visiting team for their players.
- Social distancing shall be practiced as determined by each school

### Fans

- Fan attendance maximums shall be set in accordance with the local and state requirements governing the facility in question.
- If home fans are allowed, then visiting fans shall also be allowed.
- In determining the number of fans allowed, schools should use the seating capacity normally allotted for both home and away fans in the hosting arena. The prior year's arrangements should be considered in making determination of attendance limitations.
- TAPPS requires all fans attending contests hosted by TAPPS member schools to wear face masks when entering, observing in or leaving the playing arena.
- Age restrictions or exemptions shall be in keeping with local and state ordinance or orders.
- This rule shall be in place in all contest arenas.
- Local control by the home team cannot supersede this provision.

### COVID 19 Protocol compliance

- Compliance shall be the responsibility of the hosting school's onsite game administrators. As a reminder, for district and playoff contests a game administrator is required for both schools.
- Failure to abide by protocols shall not result in a change to the contest outcome as determined on the field
- Officials shall not penalize a team or teams for noncompliance of COVID 19 protocols.
- **Contests** hosted by TAPPS member schools (Scrimmages, Non-District, District and Post Season) shall adhere to the following contest guidelines.
  - **Pre- Meet - Teams**
  - **Post - Meet - Teams**
    - Post-meet gestures of sportsmanship should be conducted between teams in ways planned to help reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.
    - There shall be no post game handshake lines
    - TAPPS recommends no individual or group meetings after conclusion of the contest between opposing school / team personnel
    - Individuals not essential to the team or group should not be given access to contest areas at all before, during, or after contests and events.
- **Illness reporting** prior to and at the contest.



- **Each team** shall affirm to the opponent by noon of the contest day that all team personnel are Covid self-screening compliant
- **The officials** assigned to the contest shall affirm on the contest day that all crew personnel are Covid self-screening compliant
- **All Fans** shall affirm when redeeming their ticket that they are Covid self-screening compliant by a method selected by the hosting school or as agreed to by all district schools.
- **Temperature checks**, if utilized at the site of the contest, shall be agreed upon by both schools in advance of the contest. If such checks are to be conducted governing admittance or participation, both schools must agree to the process and outcomes prior to the contest.
- **District Contests**
  - Districts shall determine the schedules for each team.
    - Contests in which schools cannot agree on PPE protocols and procedures shall be declared a “no contest” and the games shall not be played.
    - “No contests” shall not be considered a forfeiture and shall not count in district standings.
    - Failure to agree on fan attendance between schools shall be decided by the vote of the district executive committee.
    - Districts shall determine tie breakers for determination of playoff seeding
    - “No contests” shall not be considered when developing final district standings.
    - Tie breakers should take into consideration all district contests played.

## LSA Athletics Game Day Experience



As a result of COVID-19, we will continue to see some changes to our “**Game Day Experience.**” In order to comply with current state regulations, we will be limiting our fan capacity to 25% seating in our gym and in our stadium bleachers. This logistics may be adapted as information changes.

### How to Purchase Tickets for the VISITING TEAM

1. Visit - <https://www.lutheransouth.org/apps/pages/tickets>
2. Scroll through events listed to find your desired event.
3. Click on the event to begin the purchase process. Find the "Have a Passcode" link and insert **Vistors2020**.
4. The available tickets will appear, and you can complete your purchase.
5. After you purchase your tickets, your tickets will be emailed to the email address provided and/or are available for download immediately following the transaction by choosing “Download Tickets” on the order confirmation screen. The email will come from “Lutheran South Academy Box Office”. Tickets are emailed upon purchase confirmation but may take as long as 5 minutes to reach your email. If you have not received your tickets within 15 minutes, confirm your email receipt was not sent to a spam folder. Your tickets are attached to that email. If tickets are still not found, please contact [fansupport@hometownticketing.com](mailto:fansupport@hometownticketing.com) or [www.hometownticketing.com](http://www.hometownticketing.com) for our live chat when available.

### How to Redeem Tickets

#### Option 1 - Print Tickets at Home

1. Access your email from your home computer
2. Open/download the PDF attachment
3. Print out the tickets
4. Bring the printed ticket(s) to the event to be scanned at the gate

#### Option 2 - Mobile Tickets

1. Access your email on your mobile devices
2. Pull up the purchase confirmation email
3. Download/Open the attached PDF Tickets
4. Show device to ticket scanner with QR Code prominently displayed
5. Scroll through multiple PDF tickets to scan multiple tickets

Please note that once we reach our capacity limits, the event will be “sold out” and tickets will not be available to purchase at the gate. Each ticket purchased must be presented and can be scanned only one time. Every person entering the gate must have a ticket at the time of entry. If your entire party will not be arriving at the same time, please make sure that each person you have purchased a ticket for has access to the mobile or printed ticket for their entry.

*\*Service fees will apply*



**All spectators entering a LSA athletic facility for an athletic event/contest must follow the following protocols before, during and after all events/contests.**

Prior to arrival at the LSA athletic event/contest, if the spectator is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home.

- All spectators must possess a purchased ticket or reservation for the current athletic event/contest.
- All spectators must enter at the designated entrance for the athletic event/contest.
- Prior to the spectator's ticket/reservation being scanned, all spectators will be required to submit to a temperature check.
  - Any spectator exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or registering a temperature above 100.0 will not be allowed to enter any LSA facility.
- Spectators that have been allowed entry into the athletic event/contest will receive a bracelet designated to that event. This bracelet will allow you re-entry into the facility if needed.
  - This includes leaving the stadium and/or gym to use the restroom, concession stand, parking lot, etc.
  - Tickets through HTT are only able to be scanned once for added security measures.
- All spectators over the age of 10 will be required to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times. This includes indoor and outdoor athletic events/contests.
  - Spectators unable to wear a face covering may be subject to removal.
- Spectators will be asked to select seats and row to sit during the athletic event/contest.
  - All spectators must be seated in their reserved area to allow for appropriate distancing.
- Physical distancing will be employed to the extent possible between seating groups/families.
  - Every other row in each LSA Athletic facility will be designated as a non-available seating area. These rows will be designated with seating tape.
  - Seating groups will be limited to 2 people per group over the age of 10. These areas will be designated with do not sit stickers.
- Seating groups will be limited to 2 per group.
- Immediately following the conclusion of the athletic event/contest, **all spectators** will need to immediately exit the facility.
  - Spectators/Parents/Guardians will be able to reunite with their student-athlete outside of the LSA facility.
- Pathways for spectator ingress and egress will be designated and remain unobstructed.
- No Pets allowed at TAPPS Events.
- LSA will provide hand sanitizing stations at the entrances of all LSA Athletic Facilities.