



PECOS-BARSTOW-TOYAH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024 PBTISD Athletic Venues Policy

To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite fan entry into athletic venues, PBTISD has implemented a new policy that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into all PBTISD athletic venues. Exceptions to this policy will be made for all medically necessary items after proper inspection.

PBTISD strongly encourages fans not to bring any type of bags, but fans will be able to carry the following style and size bag, package, or container at stadium plaza areas, stadium gates, or when approaching queue lines of fans awaiting entry into the stadium:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12.", or
- No buckles, grommets/hardware, or décor can conceal any part of the bag. The bag literally must be all clear.
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziplock bag or similar).
- A Logo can only be on one side of the bag.
- Small clutch bags, which cannot exceed 4.5" x 6.5" in size, with or without a handle or strap, can be taken into the stadium with one of the clear plastic bags.

Prohibited items include but are not limited to purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, diaper bags, cinch bags, non-approved seat cushions*, luggage of any kind, computer bags, or any bag larger than the permissible size.

Camera bags and medical bags are allowed but are subject to search upon arrival.

All fans will be allowed to carry items allowed into the stadium, such as binoculars, cameras, and smartphones.

*Non-approved seat cushions include large traditional seat cushions with pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers. Please see your club guest services office to have your seat cushion examined.

All middle school and high school students are allowed free admission with their Student ID. They must be seated in the designated student section. Any students younger than middle school age MUST be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 at all times!

Why did the District adopt this policy?

The District regularly reviews its public safety and athletic venue security policies and, every year, looks for ways to improve them. A review of our bag policy led us to make this adjustment to enhance public safety and make stadium access more efficient by limiting the size and style of bags carried into our athletic venues.

This proactive measure will enhance safety inside and outside the stadium and speed up the security screening process. We believe that the public deserves to be in a safe, secure environment. This is about both safety and improving the overall fan experience.

How does the new policy improve public safety?

There will be a secondary perimeter around the stadium where security personnel will check for prohibited items or bags being carried toward the stadium so those situations can be corrected immediately. This establishes a protected buffer area for fans in plaza-level areas and at the queues for stadium entry. Prohibited bags will be turned away. Any prohibited bag inside the second perimeter will be highly visible and more quickly resolved.

The clear bag is easily and quickly searched and greatly reduces faulty bag searches. It also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

How does this make it more convenient for fans?

This will enable us to move fans through our security checkpoints much faster. A standard-size bag eliminates the need for bag templates to check bag sizes. It will make the stadium's job much easier, allowing staff to be more efficient and effective in checking bags that are brought into the stadium. There will be less time spent standing in lines at the stadium gates. Fans also will enjoy an improved sense of safety. Shorter lines mean fewer hassles.

How many bags can each person bring into the stadium?

One large clear bag – either a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or the 12" by 6" by 12" clear bag – plus a small clutch. The larger clear bag must be a standard 12" by 6" by 12" made of clear PVC vinyl and is easily searched. The one-gallon Ziploc bag is readily available, inexpensive, and easily searched. The small clutch allows privacy for small personal items and also is easily searched.

Can fans carry cameras, binoculars, smartphones, or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?

Yes. Binoculars or a phone or camera can be carried into the stadium so long as it is not in their own bag.

Are seat cushions allowed to be carried into the stadium?

Approved seat cushions may be carried into the stadium. Large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers are not permitted. Clear seat cushions and seat pads without pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers are permitted.

What about bringing blankets in cold weather?

Fans will be able to bring blankets by tossing them over a shoulder or arm. They can be easily screened by carrying a blanket into the stadium.

What happens if I show up at the gate with a bag that is not permitted?

Fans carrying bags that do not meet the criteria will be turned away from the stadium.

If I have certain items that I need to bring into the stadium for medical reasons and they won't fit in the clear bag, what do I do?

Exceptions to this policy will be made for all medically necessary items after proper inspection. Individuals will be present at stadium entrances to allow screening of these bags and medically necessary items.

Are all purses prohibited?

No. Unlike some event venues, we are not banning all bags. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with either the 12" by 6" by 12" clear tote bag or the one-gallon freezer bag. No buckles, grommets/hardware, or décor can conceal any part of the bag. The bag literally must be all clear.

This should enable you to carry the same items you have in previous years and speed up entry into the stadium for all fans because it will take less time to screen bags. Shorter lines mean fewer hassles. We encourage fans not to bring any bags but have created a policy that balances fan needs with improved public safety and convenience.

Do I have to put everything I'm carrying into the permissible bags?

No. We are limiting only the type of bags carried into the stadium, not items that you normally bring to a game. Therefore, you can carry in your pockets or jacket keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc., if you choose not to put them in a clear bag or clutch. And you can carry a blanket over your arms and binoculars and/or camera around your neck or in your hands without the case. You can use the clear bag and clutch to carry other items. You will continue to have the flexibility to bring a wide variety of approved items into the stadium. Every member of your family may carry a permissible bag.

What about diaper bags?

Diaper bags are allowed with an accompanying baby. Exceptions to this policy will be made for diaper bags, and the bags will be subject to proper inspection. Individuals will be present at stadium entrances to allow screening of these bags.

What about strollers?

Strollers are not allowed in the stands. If you bring a stroller it must be left in the concourse area, but will not be actively monitored. A baby carrier for young infants is allowed but cannot be placed in any aisles and must be placed next to a person on the bleachers.