

LeRoy-Gridley, Southern Lyon County school districts release fall sports attendance guidelines

With volleyball season already under way and football and cross country seasons starting this week, LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 and Southern Lyon County USD 252 have released guidelines for attendance at events at both the high school and junior high/middle school level. For away contests, admission criteria may differ, as the decision on what the criteria will be is up to each district.

USD 245

LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 is following guidelines put together and adopted by the Lyon County League and will also be following gathering limits put forth by the Coffey County Health Department for its home events. At present, there are no gathering

limits in Coffey County, but the district is encouraging families to sit together and practice social distancing when possible. The district will keep fans updated on guidelines, including those for away contests.

Universal guidelines adopted by the LCL include anyone feeling sick should stay home and contact their healthcare provider, six-foot social distancing should be maintained when possible and masks/face coverings should be worn at all times by all visitors, spectators, personnel and students in all venues except when players are directly participating in the activity on the field of play.

Guidelines for games include that, as directed by county health officials, spectator restrictions will be made in consultation with the hosting school's local health authorities. If crowd size is limited in any way, the host school will ensure a fair and appropriate way, albeit restricted, for visiting spectators to attend the event. Additionally, host schools will restrict crowds from having access to the competition area or within six feet of competitors before, during and after competition and non-essential personnel will be kept off the sidelines and fields of play throughout a contest.

The full Lyon County League guidelines can be found on the LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 Facebook page.

USD 252

In addition to LCL guidelines, Southern Lyon County USD 252 has worked with the North Lyon County and Emporia districts and Lyon

County Health Department to put together guidelines for activities this school year.

For home events at Southern Lyon County schools, including Hartford Jr./Sr. High School, all spectators, media, coaches and event workers will wear masks. Temperatures will be taken when entering events. Hand sanitizer will be provided. The schools will designate seating areas in compliance with and encourage social distancing. All attendees should social distance when possible. No passes, including student activity, league, senior, district passes, etc., will be accepted due to limitations of spectators allowed at events. Student activity passes will be credited back to each student's account, and open attendance for students will not be allowed unless they are eligible for a ticket through a participant's family option. Since bleacher space will be limited, spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to football games and other outdoor events. Concession stands will be limited with prepackaged food only.

Spectator attendance for home games will be limited to two people per volleyball team member for volleyball matches, four people per football team member for football games, two people per runner for cross country events, two people per cheerleader for cheerleading events and two people per musician for band events. Also allowed to attend are coaches and spouse; event workers, with no additional; and visiting teams, with two spectators per athlete for all events, coaches and spouse and event personnel, with no

additional.

Additional attendance restrictions that are possible include priority to senior parents/guardians, followed by junior parents/guardians and terminally ill situations if the number of spectators has to be reduced further and the elimination of spectators altogether.

Away events will be held as allowed by the host school and their county health department. Spectators from Southern Lyon County USD 252 are encouraged to social distance and limit their numbers when traveling to away contests. The district will do its best to communicate allowed attendance at each school hosting an away event. At Lyon County League events, which are those involving Southern Lyon County USD 252 schools Hartford and Olpe as well as Lebo, Waverly, Madison, Marais des Cygnes Valley and Southern Coffey County, masks, temperature screening for each person and social distancing will be required.

The district is working toward live streaming options for parents, family and community members. Hartford and Olpe high schools will have options for live streaming on Facebook Live, which will be free if staff is available to work the events. Additionally, installation from a vendor is taking place in both new gyms and football fields at Hartford and Olpe through the National Federation of State High School Activities Associations. Registration, costs and subscription information will be made available by the vendor when installation is complete, and some other LCL schools already

have this option available.

Southern Lyon County USD 252's guidelines can be viewed

in full on the Southern Lyon County USD 252 Facebook page.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Burlington, Waverly open in preseason tournament

WELLSVILLE — The Burlington Lady Wildcat and Waverly Lady Bulldog volleyball teams competed in a preseason tournament hosted by Prairie View High School Saturday, Aug. 29.

The tournament field was split into two groups, one which played at Prairie View High School in La Cygne and one which played at Wellsville. Burlington and Waverly were both in the group that played at Wellsville.

Both the Lady Wildcats and the Lady Bulldogs went 1-3. In pool play, Burlington fell to Iola, 25-16, 25-19, and to Wellsville, 25-15, 25-18 before taking a loss in three sets to Waverly, 25-21, 17-25, 23-25. In addition

to their win over Burlington, Waverly took a three-set loss to Iola, 24-26, 25-18, 25-19, and a loss to Wellsville, 25-16, 25-16.

After pool play, Burlington and Waverly met again to play for third place. The Lady Wildcats reversed the outcome and got the win in two sets, 25-17, 25-18, to earn the third-place finish. Waverly finished fourth. Iola and Wellsville played for first place, with Wellsville winning 25-22, 25-18.

Both teams will next play on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Burlington will play at Louisburg, with matches beginning at 4:30 p.m. Waverly will play Hartford and Madison in a triangular at Madison, with matches beginning at 5 p.m.

Two teams included in preseason rankings

TOPEKA — The Kansas Volleyball Association has announced the 2020 preseason volleyball rankings. Current classifications for the rankings are based on enrollments from the 2019-20 school year, and the rankings will be adjusted when the updated classifications are released at the end of September. The preseason rankings, released Aug. 26, include two area teams.

The Lebo Lady Wolves are ranked No. 2 in Class 1A Division I. Other teams ranked in Class 1A Division I include Rural Vista, Olpe, Victoria, Rawlins County, Clifton-Clyde, Goessel, Pretty Prairie, Burlingame and Beloit-St. John's/Tipton.

The Waverly Lady Bulldogs are ranked No. 8 in Class 1A Division II. Other teams ranked in Class 1A Division II include Central Plains, Cunningham, Attica, Argonia, St. Francis, Wheatland/Grinnell, Golden Plains, Ingalls and Logan/Palco.

Sports Schedule

September 3

High school cross country
Burlington, Hartford, Lebo in Burlington Classic at John Redmond Reservoir, 5 p.m.

Middle school cross country
Burlington, Hartford, Lebo in Burlington Classic at John Redmond Reservoir, 5 p.m.

Middle school football
Burlington at Garnett-Anderson County, 4 p.m.

Hartford vs. SCC, 6:30 p.m.
Lebo-Waverly at Lyndon, 6:30 p.m.

High school volleyball
Lebo, Cair Paravel at Mission Valley, 5 p.m.

Middle school volleyball
Burlington vs. Prairie View, 4 p.m.

Hartford vs. SCC, 5 p.m.
Lebo, Waverly, Osage City at Lyndon, 5 p.m.

September 4

High school football
Burlington at Wellsville, 7 p.m.
Hartford vs. Maranatha Christian Academy, 7 p.m.
Lebo vs. SCC, 7 p.m.
Waverly at Melvern-MdCV, 7 p.m.

September 5

High school volleyball
Hartford at Peabody Preseason Tournament, 9 a.m.

September 8

High school football
Burlington JV vs. Wellsville, 4:30 p.m.

High school volleyball
Burlington at Louisburg, 4:30 p.m.

Burlington JV at Louisburg, 4:30 p.m.

Burlington C Team at Louisburg, 4:30 p.m.

Hartford, Waverly at Madison, 5 p.m.

Lebo, KC Christian at Lawrence-Bishop Seabury, 5 p.m.

SCC, Crest, Pleasanton at St. Paul, 5 p.m.

Middle school volleyball
Burlington vs. Central Heights, Prairie View, 4 p.m.

September 10

High school cross country
Burlington at Hesston, 3:30 p.m.

Hartford, Lebo in Lyndon Invitational at Melvern Lake, 4 p.m.

Middle school cross country
Hartford, Lebo in Lyndon Invitational at Melvern Lake, 4 p.m.

High school football
Burlington C Team vs. Wellsville, 4:30 p.m.

Middle school football
Burlington at Wellsville, 4 p.m.

Hartford at Madison, 6:30 p.m.

Lebo-Waverly at Burlingame, 6:30 p.m.

SCC vs. Lyndon, 6 p.m.

Middle school volleyball
Hartford at Madison, 5 p.m.

Lebo, Waverly at Burlingame, 5 p.m.

Football

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team for 2020, including nine starters. Shayden Sull returns after rushing for 1,302 yards and 19 touchdowns last season. He was also a big contributor on defense, tallying 112 tackles in 2019. Ali Smith returns to the quarterback position and is the returning statistical leader in passing, having recording 968 yards and 16 touchdowns passing last fall. The leading returning receiver is Andrew McDiffett, who scored six receiving touchdowns a year ago. The Jaguars also return some solid offensive linemen, including near 300-pounders Aiden Goodman and Kristian Trujillo. Returning statistical leaders on defense are Sull in tackles; Tyler Stuck in sacks, with two last year; and Sull and McDiffett in interceptions, with two apiece in 2019.

Maranatha Christian Academy, and 8-Man Division I team, posted a 7-3 record last season but graduated a lot of experienced players, including quarterback Nate Burdette and receiver Brock West, both lost to graduation, and stand-out junior lineman Jayden Oquendo, who was expected to be among the top players in 8-man football but was lost to transfer. The team returns only two starters. Of those, Austin Chiles is the returning statistical leader in rushing, with 105 yards in 2019, and tackles, with 74 last season. Jonathan Dighton wasn't a starter last season but is the team's returning

statistical leader in receiving, having totaled 149 receiving yards last year.

Lebo vs. SCC

LEBO — After playing long-time, in-district Lyon County League rival Waverly at Waverly in their 2019 season opener, the Lebo Wolves will again face a Lyon County League foe in their season opener in 2020. This time, their opponent will be the Southern Coffey County Titans, and the Wolves will host the game.

The Wolves went 7-3 last year, with a playoff run that was ended in the second round by eventual state champion Canton-Galva, and return seven starters, having lost only one to graduation. The team returns quarterback Devan McEwen, who earned an All-State Honorable Mention selection for his play in the position last season. McEwen has been named one of 12 8-Man Division II players to watch this year by the Kansas Pregame Magazine. Kyle Reese returns as the team's leading receiver, having amassed 596 yards and five touchdowns receiving last year. The Wolves also return the bulk of their line with seniors Caleb Fehr, Jerome Ferguson and Joseph Linzer. Ferguson has been a First and Second Team Lyon County League All-League selection the last two seasons, is the team's top blocker and is also a threat in the passing game, having made 28 catches for 409 yards and four touchdowns during the 2019 season. Returning statistical leaders on defense include Andrew Bailey in tackles, with 90 in 2019, and

Ferguson and Austin Bailey in sacks, with one each a year ago. As a team, the Wolves enter the season ranked fourth in 8-Man Division II.

The Titans, coming off of a 2-7 2019 season, return five starters. The group of returners is highlighted by Honorable Mention Lyon County League All-League selection Aiden Voorhees, who made 62 tackles and two sacks playing in the Titans' secondary last season. Returner Wade Glue will move from running back to quarterback this year. Other returners include Adam Emmons, Mitchyl Walters and Dalton Harmon.

Waverly at MdCV

MELVERN — After hosting longtime in-district Lyon County League rival Lebo in their 2019 season opener, the Waverly Bulldogs will travel to Melvern to face another long-time foe, Marais des Cygnes Valley, to open their 2020 season.

The Bulldogs went 6-4 last year, which was their first year under head coach Nick Fraenza. Fraenza returns for a second season this year, and the team also returns several starters. The group is led by Damian Foster. He is the team's quarterback and is a returning statistical leader in rushing, passing, tackles and interceptions. In 2019, he rushed for 913 yards and 16 touchdowns, passed for 747 yards and 13 touchdowns and made 87 tackles and four interceptions. Michael Lehmann is the team's top returning receiver, having made 10 catches for 176 yards and three touchdowns last

season. He also contributed 622 yards and six touchdowns rushing. Alongside Foster, returning statistical leaders include Zach Skillman, who recorded 58 tackles and three sacks last fall; Josh Rodriguez, who made 4.5 sacks in 2019; and Lane Bartley, who made three interceptions.

Marais des Cygnes Valley went 3-6 in 2019. Coach Lewis Whitson enters his fourth year as the team's head coach

and the team returns a majority of their 2019 team. Among the returners is quarterback Cole Lacey, who was the team's leading passer, with more than 1,000 yards in 2019, and rusher last year. The team's top returning receiver is Wyatt Lingenfelter, who tallied 350 yards and six touchdowns last fall. Tyler Anschutz is the top returning defensive player, having made 65 tackles and three sacks a season ago.

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