



HOMER OF THE GATORS

SAM VITANZA STADIUM
3300 BAKER DRIVE, DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539



WELCOME TO SAM VITANZA STADIUM

A map has been enclosed in this packet for your reference. Visitor parking is on the northeast corner of the facility and visitor seating is on the east side of the stadium, entering from Owens Drive. Paved parking is limited. Visitors are not limited to the parking area on the northeast side of the stadium, but may have to walk considerable distance if other spaces are used. A paved walkway (reasonably well lit) surrounds the facility. The visitor entry into the stadium is at the concession area on the northeast corner of the fenced enclosure. Visitor tickets may only be purchased at this gate.

FOOTBALL TEAM PARKING

Enter on Owens Drive from FM 517 going north. Football team parking is on the Visitor side Parking lot "D" next to the Field House. See highlighted area on map.



DISTRICT CONTACTS



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GAME DAY SCHEDULE



PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

7:00 P.M. (KICKOFF)

5:35 p.m. Team warm-up

6:40 p.m. Coin-toss – captains on the field

6:45 p.m. Invocation

6:47 p.m. Visitors' school song

6:49 p.m. Home school song

6:51 p.m. UIL Announcement & Good Sportsmanship League

6:53 p.m. Introduction of Visiting Team & Introduction of Home team

6:58 p.m. National Anthem

7:00 p.m. Kickoff

HALFTIME ACTIVITIES

First 12 minutes: Visiting Band & Organizations

Second 12 minutes: Home Band & Organizations

Last 4 minutes: Team Warm-up

STADIUM SECURITY

The District has a security plan in place but please bring at least two (2) officers to supplement our security staff on the visitor side. Security for your buses and personal vehicles is another area you may want to consider. Questions regarding the security plan may be addressed by Zeke Contreras at 281-229-7259.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR 2020

For the 2020 football season, the capacity at Sam Vianza Stadium must be limited. All spectators and all participating student groups must adhere to social distancing requirements and wear a facemask/covering over the nose and mouth. Seating will only be allowed every other row, and seating will be blocked off to maintain a minimum of six feet of distance between groups.

Ticket Sales:

1. No season tickets will be sold. (Previous season ticket holders will be given the same seats in 2021 as they have had for many years.)
2. Parents with a student participating in the event will be given a priority time slot to purchase tickets before tickets become available to the general public, and parents of 2021 seniors will be given first priority. (Participants include: varsity football, marching band, varsity cheerleaders, drill team, athletic trainers, and Gator media.)
3. All tickets will be sold online, and the cost per ticket is \$8.
 - o Monday (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) – parents of senior participants will be able to purchase tickets (limit of 2).
 - o Monday (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) – parents of remaining participants (limit of 2).
 - o Tuesday (9:00 a.m. until all tickets are sold) – DISD employees, DHS students and general public will be able to purchase tickets (limit of 2).
4. Tickets will not be sold at the gates on the night of varsity football games.
5. Tickets will be sold on a weekly basis for each game.
6. No passes will be accepted at the gate. (This includes DISD gold cards, 24 6-A pass, coaches pass, etc.)

General Information for Sam Vianza Stadium:

1. Individuals who are confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experiencing symptoms of, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 may not enter the stadium. A health screening form will be required upon entry.
2. Social distancing and facemask/covering requirements must be followed.
3. No congregating will be permitted in any area. This includes under the stands, in the restrooms and concessions areas, or the parking lots.
4. Only participants will be allowed on the field prior, during, and after the game.
5. Students younger than 9th grade will not be admitted without an adult. Younger students must remain seated in the stands throughout the game with the adult.
6. Games will be streamed by Gator Nation Media and Texan Live.

Guidelines for Coaching Staff:

1. Head coaches and coaching staff must wear a facemask/covering or face shield.
2. Coaches must adhere to all UIL guidelines.
3. Press box access will be limited to seven visiting coaches and seven DISD coaches.

STADIUM RULES, GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

FOOTBALL TEAMS:

1. All players must wear jerseys on sidelines during games. This includes injured players and sub-varsity players.
2. No tobacco products are allowed on DISD properties.
3. Visiting coaches will use the 3rd level coaching booth and will be allowed a maximum number of 7 individuals in the booth. This includes stat takers, etc.
4. No more than two (2) people will be allowed on the fourth floor filming deck from the visiting team.

BAND, DANCE TEAM & CHEERLEADERS

1. These organizations are not allowed within yellow restraining lines (25 yd. to 25 yd.) or bench area during the game.
2. Entry gate for band, drill teams, and cheerleaders is Gate D adjacent on the Southeast corner of the stadium. Buses for Band, drill teams, and cheerleaders will enter the complex via Parking Lot C in the Northeast corner of the stadium and park directly behind the visitor stands on the service road.
3. During half-time ceremonies only, the band director, drill team director and assistants are allowed in press box. Visiting half-time announcer should report to press box 2-3 minutes before half-time. Please have visible ID badge for your announcer.
4. Any props used by band or drill team must not mark or scar the field. Please check all props that may damage the artificial surface.
5. All chaperones, (Booster Club) must have a visible Booster club ID badge worn around neck to enter track area during half-time. Chaperones must remain in the stands during game. Please limit numbers as security and crowd control on the field is a major priority.
6. Only working and identified chaperones will be allowed in at the pass gate. Family members must enter through the ticket gate.

7. Filming of half-time activities shall be at the platform located at the top of visitor bleachers.
8. Clock for half-time will start per referee's signal.

PHOTOGRAPHERS, NEWSPAPERS & VIDEO CREWS

1. School photographers, newspaper reporters and school videographers are not allowed in the bench area during a game. All photographers and reporters must have a sideline pass with picture and organization supplied by home school. Only three (3) student reporters and/or photographers allowed inside gates during game.
2. All commercial photographers on sideline must be approved by that team's head coach. Commercial photographers must stay on the visiting sidelines only. There will be no access to press box and filming deck for commercial photographers.

RUN-THRU CREW

1. This crew will be allowed access to the south end-zone area at 6:15 p.m. No trucks or vehicles are allowed on the field. Please limit your crew to no more than six (6) people and have proper school or district-issued IDs. After football team runs thru please deflate run-thru and move the run-thru at least 50 feet out of the end zone. No seating will be allowed on the field or end-zone area.

FIELD ACCESS

1. Only Students participating in the event are allowed inside the field gates and fence. All participating students should be identified by uniform or field access ID badge supplied by visiting team

CONCESSIONS & FOOD ITEMS

1. No food or snack items are allowed on track or field. This includes gum, sunflower seeds, candy, etc. on sidelines. Concessions will be provided by DISD. Sales of food or other items will not be allowed inside the stadium or on other DISD property unless authorized by the superintendent or designee.

STADIUM PROCEDURES:

1. Only authorized personnel are allowed on field. Sideline passes will be necessary for administrators, team doctors, photographers, etc. Uniformed players, coaches, athletic trainers and uniformed cheerleaders will not need a pass.
2. Protection of the playing surface is a priority. Tobacco, chewing gum and sunflower seeds are prohibited on the playing surface. Food will not be allowed on the playing surface. Any clean-up of these items on the day following an event will result in a \$200 clean-up fee.
3. Live animal mascots are not allowed. Animals are not allowed.
4. Glass bottles/containers are prohibited within the stadium.
5. Spirit banners must be made of vinyl or cloth with permanent paint that will not run when wet.
6. No air horns, cannons or noisemakers allowed on field.
7. Limit run-thru crew to six (6) people. Run-thru must be 50' away from end-zone during the game and must be deflated.

BLEACHER PROCEDURES:

1. Spirit signs must be made of vinyl that can be tied to stadium railing. Paper-painted signs may not be taped to stadium railings. Users will be responsible for policing this requirement. Violations shall result in additional fees assessed to cover removal and clean-up.
2. Movement from home to visitor bleachers or visitor to home bleachers is prohibited. Standing along the bleacher rails to watch the game will not be allowed. Spectators must sit in the bleachers. Sales of standing room only tickets will not be allowed.
3. Dickinson ISD reserves the right to assign seats or to remove unruly spectators from the stadium, and to determine when the facility has reached capacity which would require that potential spectators be turned away at the gate.

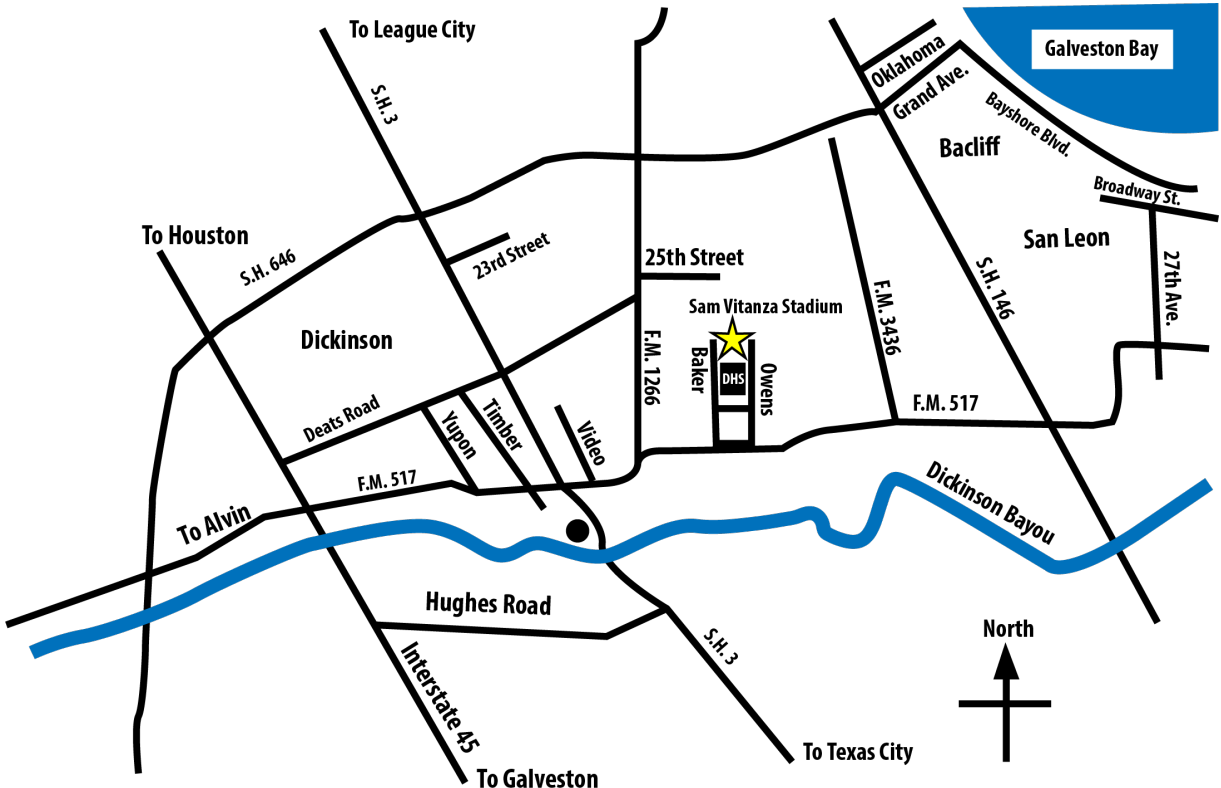
PRESS BOX PROCEDURES:

1. Press box will be open to coaches and others with appropriate passes one hour before game time. Appropriate passes are required for admittance to the press box and for elevator access.
2. The press box film deck is open to team and media filming only. Admittance to the film deck will require an appropriate pass. Private filming may be done from the visitors' bleacher film deck or from the upper bleacher deck of the home bleachers. Electrical outlets are limited and the district will limit and control potential overloads on these circuits. The porch level (bottom level behind the rail system) of the press box must remain clear of traffic at all times. The porch level rest room is available to stadium staff and handicapped ticket holders only.

TICKET INFORMATION: *(TICKET OFFICE: 281-229-6410)*

- For 2020, tickets will be sold online only. Tickets will NOT be sold at the gate on the night of any varsity football games this year.
- Home fans must use the main entrance gate.
- Visitors must enter through the visitors side-northeast Lot C entry.
- Gates will be open one hour before game time.
- No in and out privileges—ticket will be required for each entry.
- No food, beverages, containers, pets, or backpacks allowed in the stadium.
- No ice chests are allowed in the stadium except for teams and support groups.

STADIUM MAPS



Stadium Address: 3300 Baker Drive, Dickinson, Texas 77539