

Grace Christian School Athletic Participation Form

Student Athlete's Name (Please Print): _____ Grade: _____

Attend a Preseason Parent Meeting – Grace Christian School's athletic department offers preseason parent meetings by sport each school year (fall, winter, spring). A parent or legal guardian and the student athlete are required to attend the preseason meeting(s).

All Required Forms to Participate in GCS Athletics:

1. **GCS Athletic Participation Form:** This is the form you are currently reading. It outlines all of the requirements for the parent/guardian and student athletes to participate in GCS athletics. It must be **signed by the parent/guardian.**
2. **Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation** –This is required by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for middle school students before participating in any tryout, practice, scrimmage, or game. This form must be **signed by a physician as well as the parent/guardian and student athlete.**
3. **Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet-** This form informs parents and students about what a concussion is and how to respond if you suspect your child may have a concussion. This form must be **signed by the parent/guardian and the student athlete.**
4. **Lindsay's Law Form-** This form provides information about Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in young athletes. This form requires the parent/guardian and student athlete to watch a video about SCA (<https://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx>). This form must be **signed by the parent/guardian and the student athlete.**
5. **Emergency Medical Authorization** –The emergency medical form is required by state law in order to help with treatment in the event an athlete is injured; it includes an acknowledgement of insurance coverage. The EMF must be **signed the parent/guardian.**
6. **Athletic Field Trip Parental Consent Form-** This form authorizes student athletes to ride in a bus and/or private vehicle to practices/games that are not held at GCS. This form must be **signed by the parent/guardian.**
7. **Athletic Field Trip Volunteer Driver Form-** This form authorizes the parent/guardian to drive other students to practices/games that are not at GCS. The parent/guardian must include a copy of their driver's license as well as proof of insurance. This form must be **signed by the parent/guardian.**

BOTH OHSAA AND GRACE CHRISTIAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET

1. The Ohio High School Athletic Association eligibility standards for participation in athletics are as follows: in order to be eligible to participate in middle school athletics, a student must be currently enrolled as a full time student or be in compliance with the GCS Home School Enrollment Policy.
2. Students must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 in order to participate in athletics. GPA's will be checked at mid-term and at the end of each quarter. In addition to GPA's, any student who has at least 2 D's and/or at least 1 F will be ineligible for practices and games the following week. Grades will be checked every Friday during the season. Student with a GPA below 2.5 at the mid-term or end of a quarter will also have to miss the following week of games and/or practices with grades being checked again the following Friday.

The development of a student into a well-rounded, self-disciplined citizen of the Kingdom of God is the goal of Christian education. Student athletes who neglect spiritual and academic matters should not expect to participate in athletics simply because they are gifted athletes or there is a "big game". Warriors would rather accept honest defeat than win at the expense of neglecting the weightier matters that should shape the life of the student athlete who is a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

3. In order to participate in athletics, a student must understand and abide by the GCS Parent- Student Handbook (PSH). All GCS students are responsible to abide by the PSH as long as they are enrolled students. The very nature of this agreement implies that it will provide a guideline for our lives at all times (including non-school hours and in our modes of communication). A student who violates the PSH will serve the consequences during an athletic season/school year under the guidelines set forth in the PSH. Violations of the PSH may result in denial of athletic participation including disciplinary action ranging from immediate and/or temporary removal to permanent removal from the team and/or athletic program.
4. It is important to note that the expectations and standards of the head coach(es) are enforced on a seasonal basis and may or may not be included in official policy documents. Nevertheless, the athlete is expected to fully comply with the head coach's expectations and standards with regard to, but not limited to: practices, dress/appearance, proper conduct, care of equipment, respectful behavior, transportation, practice/contests, and locker room demeanor. GCS coaches must adhere to the PSH, but may also administer discipline in addition to the PSH if the coach feels additional discipline is warranted.

Social Network Communication Policy – Student-athletes must be concerned with any behavior that might embarrass themselves, their team, GCS, or Jesus Christ. This includes any activities online. The student-athlete should be aware they are responsible for the content of anything they post on any social media site. Pictures and information posted on the internet are considered public information, and if brought to our attention, regardless of when the event(s) occurred, the student will be subject to athletic consequences in line with the PSH.

Student Athlete Equipment/Uniform Responsibility – All Grace Christian School equipment and uniforms will be collected at the end of each sport season. It is the student’s responsibility to return all equipment/uniforms to the coach or AD. Student families will be billed for damaged and unreturned school equipment/uniforms. Report cards will be held until student accounts are cleared.

Acknowledgement of Risk – Risks in sports is well documented in the public media. All human activities, including sports, have a potential for causing injury to individuals. Sports injuries can range from simple cuts and bruises to catastrophic occurrences including paralysis, and although rare, death. Proper conditioning, correct techniques, training, and well fitted equipment can greatly reduce your child’s risk of injury.

By signing below, you acknowledge the fact that the risk of injuries detailed above is present in the sports offered at Grace Christian School, and grant your child permission to assume the risks while participating in sports. In addition, GCS assumes no liability for any medical costs due to injuries incurred during routine play or practice.

Athletic Handbook – Student-athletes are parents will agree to support and abide by the rules, guidelines, procedures and policies of Grace Christian School and its athletic department as described in the GCS Athletic Handbook. If you have not read the entire handbook, your signature indicates you are, nevertheless, willing to live in harmony with the stated principles and guidelines. “Agree” does not necessarily mean “like” or “approve of.” It simply means that you recognize these details are a part of the GCS athletic program and since you are a part of the GCS athletic program, you will abide by them.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement:

I have read and understand the above policies with regard to athletic participation while attending Grace Christian School and give my child permission to participate in athletics.

Because I am a parent/guardian with the power and platform to make a difference in the life of every player. I commit to the Parent Code of Conduct found in the Athletic Handbook. When failing to live up to such standards, I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be signed prior to your child’s first athletic try-out. This form only needs to be completed one time per student-athlete per year.