

# GRANVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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## **PARENT/STUDENT ATHLETE HANDBOOK**

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# ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

## HIGH SCHOOL

FALL                      Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball  
Cross Country  
Co-ed Soccer  
Golf

WINTER                Girls JV and Varsity Basketball  
Boys JV and Varsity Basketball  
Girls Varsity Cheerleading

SPRING                Girls Varsity Softball  
Boys Varsity Baseball  
Varsity Track & Field

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

FALL                    Girls Volleyball  
Cross Country  
Co-ed Soccer  
Golf

WINTER                Girls Basketball  
Boys Basketball  
Cheerleading

SPRING                Track & Field  
Boys Baseball  
Girls Softball

**Sports will be offered based on student interest in participation.**

# ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

Athletics is more than competition and winning; it is the maximizing of a team's potential to reach a common goal and do it in a way that is pleasing to God. Winning on the scoreboard is not synonymous with pleasing God with our performance, nor is losing on the scoreboard necessarily the same as losing in God's eyes. Our actions, whether victorious or not, should always be done in a way that delights our Lord. We want to see a student who will demonstrate a willingness to accept responsibility for his or her actions, measure himself or herself against standards of quality, express ideas and solutions to problems, and values fair play, honesty, and cooperation. We wish to excel in athletics, just as we desire to excel in all activities and functions in the name of the school (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 9:25-27).

Three themes should permeate every area of the Granville Christian Academy Athletic Department.

1. **Maintain intensity** – Jesus knew what his purpose was, and absolutely nothing was going to stand in his way.
2. **Cultivate a spirit of love and compassion** – Although intense, Jesus never failed to minister in love for those around him.
3. **Pursue excellence** – Do your best, improve, and grow in your own athletic abilities.

In order for the body of Christ to be strengthened, we as an athletic team need to encourage and pray with each other and our team members and attempt to nurture the gifts and talents of each individual.

As we compete, the possibility of defeat is always present; however, Jesus assures us in John 16:33 that "**Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows; but cheer up, for I have overcome the world.**"

In every athletic situation, whether practice or game, we should maximize our opportunity to please God through focusing our talents by being good stewards of all God has given us and using them for His glory.

# STUDENT GUIDELINES

## SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Sportsmanship is reflecting Christ in all we do -- it is playing to our best ability no matter what the score.
2. Sportsmanship is handling disappointment just as well as one handles triumph.
3. Sportsmanship is graciously allowing for error by player, referee, or Coach.
4. Sportsmanship is not "booing" the opponents, but it is "cheering" LOUDLY for our team!
5. Sportsmanship is congratulating the victor even when they are not your favorite.
6. Sportsmanship is being in control of our heart, our mind, and our tongue.
7. Sportsmanship is always reflecting Christ in us.

## CONDUCT & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### CONDUCT OF A CHRISTIAN ATHLETE

The conduct of a Christian athlete is closely observed in many areas of life. It is important that his/her behavior be above reproach in all of the following areas:

#### **A Christian athlete is...**

1. a gentleman or lady
2. a student
3. competitive

**On the Field** -- In the area of athletic competition, a Christian athlete should never use illegal tactics; and he or she should be gracious in defeat and modest in victory. It is always courteous to congratulate the opponent on a well-played game after the contest, whether in defeat or victory. However, if there is a possible conflict, the Christian athlete should leave the field immediately. False athletes often display fits of temper, clowning, etc., when things fail to go as they desire or when being replaced by a teammate. A Christian athlete should have complete control of himself or herself at all times.

Officials in a game are there for the purpose of ensuring that both teams receive a fair opportunity. It is athletic tradition and rule that no one except the appointed captain talks to the official, and he or she should speak in a tone of respect and for the purpose of clarifying a rule.

Any behavior contrary to that which has been stated is a direct reflection on the school, the team and Coaches, and will not be tolerated. Coaches shall report violations to the Athletic Director within twenty-four (24) hours of violation. Those of a serious nature will result in suspension and possible expulsion from the team.

**In the Classroom** -- In the academic area, a good athlete becomes a good student and is seldom found wanting. He or she plans his or her time to give sufficient energy to his or her studies to ensure acceptable grades.

In addition to maintaining passing grades, an athlete should give respectful attention to classroom activities and show respect for students and faculty members at all times. Horseplay and unnecessary talking are not approved habits of behavior. If these standards present a problem to the athlete that he is unable to correct, he or she will be required to meet with the Athletic Director and could face possible suspension or expulsion from the team.

A Christian athlete should have a good attendance record. He or she should never cut classes or school. The kind of an athlete who would cut class, thus placing his or her own enjoyment above the welfare of the team is not the student-athlete expected at Granville Christian Academy.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Conduct or behavior is defined as the manner in which one acts. In addition to the biblical expectations of Granville Christian Academy, the students, staff, and administration voluntarily commit themselves to the following standards of behavior. This commitment results from the conviction that these standards serve the good of the individual as well as the school. Granville Christian Academy believes that mutual respect forms the basis for any Code of Conduct. As such, those in the GCA community should:

- work to uplift and support the school, fellow students, its faculty, staff, and administrators, and should find their purpose in the GCA body as Christians work and find their purpose in the body of Christ
- care for the GCA campus and equipment, and other facilities experienced, while representing GCA with the expectation of being a living testimony through their actions
- treat others as they wish to be treated, incorporating the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
- respond positively to the directions of those in authority over them (as applicable): teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teacher aides, administration, or other authorized school personnel at school or school functions and parents/guardians at home
- attend school with the attitude of 1 Corinthians 10:31: “Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
- demonstrate unity by setting aside personal preferences, choosing to follow the rules and guidelines of the school
- demonstrate Christian attributes in all activities 24/7: honesty, speech, actions, choices, and influences, setting an example for all and mentoring those who are younger

### **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS**

1. A student shall not, by use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or any conduct, intentionally cause disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process, or function of the school.
2. A student shall not intentionally cause or attempt to cause damage to school or church property or equipment or to private property either on the school grounds or during a school activity, function, or event off school grounds.
3. A student shall not harass, intimidate, or bully any individual (see the Bullying, Intimidation, or Harassment Policy section).
4. A student shall not cheat or plagiarize (see the Cheating Policy section).
5. A student shall not be permitted to have dangerous weapons in possession at any time while in attendance at school or at approved school-related activities either as a participant or as a spectator. A dangerous weapon shall be defined as any firearm, explosive device, and/or instrument with a blade, or other object which, in the judgment of the teacher, administration, or other school personnel, is being used or threatened to be used in such a manner as to constitute a potential danger to the physical welfare of others.
6. A student shall not repeatedly fail to comply with directions of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teacher aides, administration, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time

when properly under the authority of school personnel. This includes spectatorship at any school activity, function, or event.

7. A student shall not engage in public Displays of Affection (PDA) on school grounds during the school day or at school functions and events. PDA is defined as, but not limited to, kissing, back or neck rubbing, holding hands, sitting on laps, any hugging outside of friendly hugging (side hug), etc. It is expected that students will be convicted by the Holy Spirit to maintain pure relationships 24/7 and that shall be reflected in their behavior and social media representation.
8. A student shall attend school regularly and shall not be excessively absent, truant, or tardy as described in this handbook.
9. A student shall not be permitted to use profane, vulgar, inappropriate, or obscene language or gestures while in school, on school property, or school-related activities. This includes spectatorship at any school activity, function, or event.
10. A student shall not access, possess, photograph, record, distribute, scan, display, or post an image or words (including acronyms) of a sexually explicit or suggestive or obscene nature, pornographic material, material of a libelous nature or involving defamation of character, threatening, harassing, bullying, and/or that which is illegal or biblically immoral. Also, students may not play any unapproved games.
11. A student shall not engage in theft of another's belongings including copyright and software violations.
12. A student shall not possess, use, conceal, promote, transport, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of any drug, unless prescribed by a doctor (students are required to have the prescription on file in the Granville Christian Academy school nurse's office), tobacco products, e-cigarettes, drug paraphernalia or vaping devices, alcohol, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, designer drugs, look-alike drugs or alcohol, or any other mind-altering substances.
13. A student shall follow policies as established by the School Board and the Granville Christian Academy Student Handbook.
14. Student shall not violate any local, state, or federal laws.
15. This list is not meant to be an inclusive list. Any action or attitude that is not God-honoring, distracting, harmful to others, or violation of athletic and student expectations may result in disciplinary action (including removal from the team and/or school and/or not being allowed to participate on a team), as will any other action which seriously impairs the effectiveness of GCA's spiritual, curricular, co-curricular, or extra-curricular mission of the school.

## **BEHAVIORAL POLICIES**

### **Bullying, Intimidation, or Harassment Policy**

Granville Christian Academy is firmly committed to providing an educational environment that is free from bullying, intimidation, and harassment against any person because of race, ethnic background, gender (as Genesis defines the unique roles of male and female in Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:7-23; 20:10-21; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 5:27-28; 15:19; Romans 1:21-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20), religion, or handicap. This policy covers all students, staff, administration, or persons acting on behalf of Granville Christian Academy, including participants or spectators at any school-sponsored activity.

It is the policy of Granville Christian Academy that bullying, intimidation, or harassment shall not be tolerated under any circumstances. We firmly believe that all persons are to be treated with respect and dignity. We shall respond to bullying, hate crimes, or harassment in a manner that effectively deters future incidents.



## 1. Definition of Bullying, Intimidation, & Harassment

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, as defined by the Ohio Department of Education, is any intentional written, verbal, graphic, or physical act that a student or group of students exhibited toward another particular student more than once, and the behavior both causes mental or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying can also consist of violence within a dating relationship or a negative or derogative act carried out through electronic means through a cell phone, computer, or other electronic communication device.

Examples include physical violence and/or attacks; threats, taunts, and intimidation through words or gestures; extortion, damage, or stealing of money and/or possessions; exclusion from the peer group or spreading rumors; repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other web-based/online sites (also known as cyber bullying), such as posting slurs on websites where students congregate or on web logs (personal online journals), sending abusive, inappropriate, or threatening instant messages, using camera phones to take embarrassing or inappropriate photographs of students and posting them online, or using websites to circulate gossip or rumors.

2. **Reporting --** If a student or staff member is the target of such conduct, he or she should contact the school Principal, Dean of Students, or any GCA faculty member. The person receiving the bullying, intimidation, or harassment will be asked to complete a reporting form. The complaint will be promptly and confidentially investigated, and if determined to be valid, warranted disciplinary action will be taken at the discretion of the Principal or Dean of Students.
3. **Police Notification --** The Administration shall promptly notify the police department or the county prosecutor's bias officer when there is any reason to believe that an act of violence has been or is about to be committed against a student or staff member, or there is otherwise reason to believe that a life has been or will be threatened.

## Search & Inspection Policy

GCA reserves the right at all times, while any student, faculty, or staff member is on GCA premises or is otherwise on duty, to have the Administration, authorized individuals, or search and inspection specialists conduct searches and inspections of students and any of their personal property, including without limitation, their locker, backpack, baggage, purse, desk, clothing, and vehicles for the purpose of determining if such persons are in possession, use, transportation, or concealment of any of the prohibited items and substances of this policy. Searches will be conducted by two or more individuals of the same gender as the student, faculty, or staff being searched.

## Hazing Policy

Granville Christian Academy believes that hazing activities, of any type, are inconsistent with the educational process and prohibits all such practices at any time. "Hazing" means the performance of any act or the coercion of another to perform any act of initiation into any class, team, or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

All athletes shall avoid possible circumstances or events that might include hazing. Athletes who detect hazing or planned hazing shall immediately inform the coach(s). Any student-athlete who is caught participating in hazing will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

## **Performance-Enhancing Drugs and Food Supplements Policy**

GCA athletes must adhere to this OHSAA policy:

“A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student’s system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs.

“Note: At its September 1998 meeting, the OHSAA Board of Directors endorsed the position statement issued by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations on the use of drugs, medicine and food supplements in interscholastic sports. The statement is as follows:

‘School personnel and coaches should not dispense any drug, medication or food supplement except with extreme caution and in accordance with policies developed in consultation with parents, health-care professionals and senior administrative personnel of the school or school district.

‘Use of any drug, medication or food supplement in a way not prescribed by the manufacturer should not be authorized or encouraged by school personnel and coaches. Even natural substances in unnatural amounts may have short-term or long-term negative health effects.

‘In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes, maintain ethical standards and reduce liability risks, school personnel and coaches should never supply, recommend or permit the use of any drug, medication or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.’”

### **BEHAVIORAL ELIGIBILITY:**

The way we act and look on the campus is of great importance. Athletes should be leaders and fellow students should respect and follow them. There are certain characteristics that pertain to an athlete. They are as follows:

1. Is neat and well-groomed at all times.
2. Does not use profanity in his speech.
3. Keeps hair looking masculine or feminine as applicable -- clean, and neat.
4. Maintains a good example on and off campus.
5. Maintains strong personal devotional habits.

True leaders will accept this responsibility, realizing they influence many others on the campus. Athletic leaders work for the betterment of the school and what is right and good for their fellow students, willingly modeling the Code of Conduct and behavioral guidelines specified in this handbook.

The manner in which a Granville Christian Academy student-athlete behaves is not dependent on being on campus or at a school function or event. Student-athlete behavior away from school, during personal times and family vacations is still representative of Granville Christian Academy and his or her faith. A student must behave appropriately 24/7.

Violations of these rules may result in suspension and/or possible expulsion from the team as well as possibly initiating school disciplinary procedures (see the GCA Parent/Student Handbook, School Disciplinary Procedures section). Also, regular school discipline which puts students into the fault system can create behavioral ineligibility for all extra-curricular activities and sport activities.

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility will be reviewed bi-weekly by the Athletic Director/Dean of Students. Eligibility checks will begin the third week of each quarter to have adequate grades entered. A student is **ineligible** to participate in athletics when he or she has either of the following:

1. If the student is found to have the grade of “F” in one or more courses during the bi-weekly grade checks.
2. If the student is found to have the grade of “D” in two or more courses during the bi-weekly grade checks.

When a student is ineligible, the following protocol will apply:

1. The student, parent, coach, and Athletic Director will be notified.
2. The student will be ineligible for one (1) week (seven calendar days).
3. The student may not participate in any extra-curricular team practice, open gym/field, scrimmage, or other extra-curricular activity.
4. The student may attend the game(s) with the team and sit on the bench; however, the student will not be permitted to “dress” for the game. The student may participate in any pep rally held during the ineligibility period.
5. Dentist and doctor notes are necessary when appointments are on game or special activity days, for the purpose of eligibility.
6. All athletes are required to submit an Athletic Packet to the office before practice begins for the season.
7. Athletes may be removed from a team at the discretion of the Athletic Director for chronic unexcused absences or tardiness.
8. If suspended from school, the athlete will be ineligible for competition for one (1) full week (seven [7] days) after the suspension. Example, John is suspended from school for Tuesday and returns to school Wednesday. John must attend practice but he cannot play in the basketball game Friday night since it falls within the one-week timeframe. John must attend the game; however, and he must sit on the bench.

At the end of the seven-day ineligibility period, the student’s grades will be reviewed. If the student has improved his or her grade(s) to meet eligibility requirements, the student will be reinstated to participate in their extra-curricular activity once again.

The GCA administration reserves the right to remove a student from GCA-sponsored, extra-curricular activities for academic or conduct issues as they see fit. The administration reserves the right to evaluate each case individually.

## OHSAA Academic Eligibility Requirements

1. A student must be currently enrolled with GCA.
2. A full-time student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent thereof, in the immediately preceding grading period.
3. Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received in the preceding grading period. Eligibility for fall sports will be determined by grades at the end of the last grading period the previous spring.

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

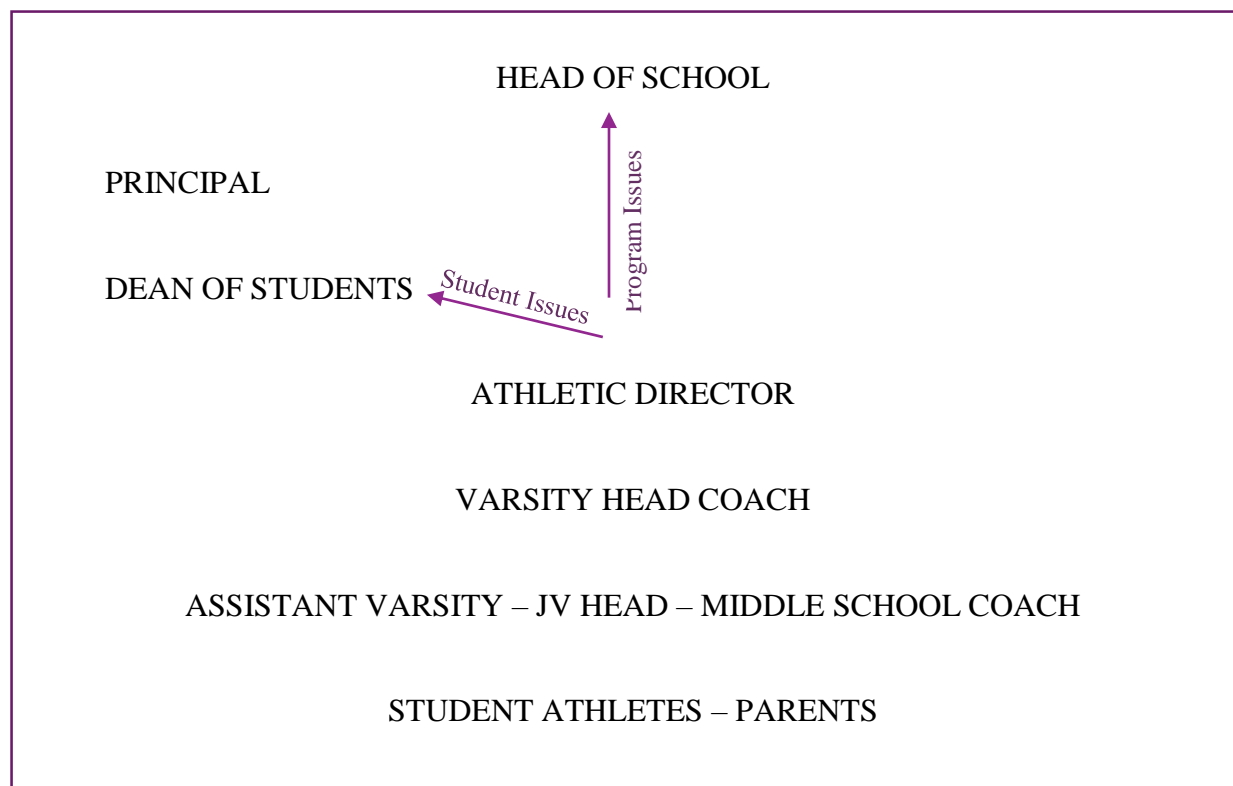
Athletes are expected to continue to abide by the expectations and guidelines that are in the Parent/Student Handbook.

## CHAIN OF COMMAND PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Granville Christian Academy Athletic Department chain of command is to help build and foster relationships between students, families, Coaches, administration, teachers, and everyone else involved.

The chain of command at GCA is simple. We follow the **Matthew 18 Principle** -- If at any time an issue arises, please go directly to the person with whom you have an issue. If the issue is not solved, you then move up the chain of command.

We encourage communication between parents, Coaches, administration, and all those involved with the student-athletes at Granville Christian Academy. Following is the recognized chain of command at GCA.



## ATTENDANCE & MISCELLANEOUS GUIDELINES

### PRACTICE ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be at every practice during the season. In the event of personal illness, death in the family, or a similar family emergency, the student will be excused from practice. These are the only exceptions! Other reasons for absence are to be approved by the Coach prior to practice time. Students should leave a note or message if they know they will be missing a practice. Frequent absences or tardiness to practice will result in loss of athletic credit for the sport, as well as loss of playing time. Missing practice for school events should be discussed with Coach prior to absence to obtain approval.

## **COMMITMENT**

An athlete is expected to complete the season. It is expected that all Granville Christian Academy athletes will remain committed to their team.

## **COMMUNICATION**

If a parent feels a need to communicate a concern with a coach, the parent must contact the coach for a pre-arranged meeting. Please be aware that a parent is not to address a coach before or immediately after a game or practice. Coaches have pre-and post-game/practice responsibilities, including supervision of players at all times. If needed, the parent can contact the school office for a pre-arranged meeting between the parent, coach, and the Director of Athletics.

## **ATHLETIC PHYSICALS**

Annual physicals are required for all middle-/high-school athletes who participate on inter-scholastic teams at Granville Christian Academy. A current Athletic Packet including a physician's exam must be on file. Individuals will not be allowed to participate in games or practice without an Athletic Packet on file. This applies to all high school and junior high student-athletes.

It is the responsibility of the athlete and his or her parents to keep the school supplied with a current physical. The OHSA physical consent form must be on record with the athletic department and a copy in the Coach's Med-Kit before the first official practice.

It is very important to remember that no extensions will be granted. Therefore, it is to the benefit of the athlete and the school for physicals to remain current.

By having physical reports in early, an adjustment can be made, if necessary, in the training program of that athlete.

Regardless of when an athlete had his or her last physical, it would be a good policy for parents to schedule physicals in the summer of every year to make certain that an athlete will not have to sit out any practice sessions or games.

## **PRACTICE DRESS CODE**

Proper clothing must always be worn, no bare feet, no socks only, no bare tops (men) on coed teams, sports bras are not to be showing from cutoffs (ladies), or "street clothing." Leggings worn alone are not allowed. All other decisions concerning practice attire is up to the discretion of the Coach and what they deem appropriate or inappropriate. Uniforms are for games and are NEVER worn as practice attire.

## **DRESS GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETIC GAME DAYS**

Athletic Teams must all be uniform in their dress on game days, even on school dress-down days. When a game falls on a school day, athletes are permitted to wear their jerseys (no sleeveless attire) or warm-up tops with khaki dress pants. Warm-up tops and khaki pants must follow school dress code policies and guidelines as specified in the Parent/Student Handbook (See the Dress Code Guidelines section). To keep in the spirit of being professional, no jeans are permitted on game days.

## **RECOMMENDED PRACTICE PROCEDURES**

Student-athletes should work to develop the following good practice procedures.

1. Pray for the coach and team members daily.
2. Be on time for every practice and dress appropriately. There is no substitute for hard work and enthusiasm.

3. Attend every practice session unless excused by the Head Coach.
4. Work hard to improve yourself without having to be forced. Be serious. Have fun without clowning. You develop only by doing your best.
5. Build unity and respect for each other through avoidance of cliques, complaining, criticizing, jealousy, egotism, envy, gossiping, and excuses.
6. Never leave the field or floor without the coach's permission.
7. Give your undivided attention and respond immediately with respect and obedience when the Coach blows his or her whistle.
8. Move quickly to get in position to start a new drill.
9. Keep a neat practice appearance with his/her hair within policy and fingernails short.
10. Take excellent care of all your equipment and keep locker neat and orderly at all games. Heavy books placed on expensive athletic shoes will decrease the life of the shoes, etc.
11. Conduct yourself in a respectful manner, respecting those around you and yourself. Correct habits are formed only through continued repetition of the perfect model.
12. Pay close attention in order that you will not require the same correction when group activity is stopped to correct one individual.
13. Understand condition comes from hard work during practice and proper mental and moral conduct.
14. Understand poise, confidence, and self-control come from being prepared.
15. Expect the best from your teammates and look for it.

### PRACTICE POLICIES

Coaches will follow the OHSAA policies for Lightning, Inclement Weather, and Heat Illness. All monitoring, communication, and interpretation of these policies will be done at the direction of the Head Coach.

### PAY-TO-PLAY POLICIES

1. Tryouts will be held the first week of OHSAA-allowed mandatory practice. During this week, no pay is required. However, the following week starts the official GCA team practice schedule and your fee must be paid by the end of that week. If no pay is received, then the athlete must sit out of practice until it is received. (Ex: OHSAA soccer coaching begins August 1. Tryouts are August 1-8 when no pay is required. GCA official practice begins after tryouts are complete, the next week August 9-16. Fee is due by August 16. If no pay is received, then the student must sit out.)
2. Once an athlete has paid and participated in practice, he or she may still decide to leave the team; however, they will only receive a partial refund as they have already used up coaching and practice time. Following is the outlined reimbursement policy:
  - Player leaves the team before first contest: 75% reimbursement.
  - Player leaves the team after first contest but no more than 25% of contests played: 50% reimbursement.
  - Player leaves the team after 25% of contests played: No reimbursement.
3. Pay-to-Play Form must be submitted with payment.

### UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

All athletes are responsible for the equipment and/or uniform issued to them by their coaches. Once an athlete's respective season is completed, they must return said equipment and/or uniform to their **coach no later than**

**ONE WEEK after the last contest.** Parents/guardians will be billed for the replacement cost of missing or damaged items. If equipment and/or uniform is not returned, the student is ineligible to play another sport until said equipment/uniform is turned in or paid for.

### **TRAVELING TO & FROM GAMES**

On trips we directly represent our Lord, school, and Coaches; therefore, it is expected that all concerned dress in an acceptable manner when traveling and conduct themselves in vehicles in a manner in keeping with this code. Violations will result in suspensions from the next game. Parents are responsible for providing or arranging practice and game transportation for their student athletes.

**Coaches must remain on site until the last player is picked up after games and/or practices.**

### **ATHLETIC AWARDS & LETTERING POLICY**

The Coaching staff of Granville Christian Academy wants an individual's athletic letter to be a source of pride gained through hard work and dedication. An athlete does not earn a letter merely by attending all practices and games.

Coaches also award participation awards to all qualified athletes, and (designated) individual awards to selected team members.

An athlete is awarded one Varsity athletic letter while in attendance at GCA regardless of the number of times an athlete letters in a sport or sports. The following criteria have been established in regard to earning a letter:

1. The player must be an athlete on a Varsity team.
2. If a player is injured during a practice or game after interscholastic play has begun, he or she is still eligible to receive a letter if he or she continues to support the team through attendance and assistance.
3. All athletes should attend the Sports Award Night. This is where they will receive any award, (certificate, insert, or letter).
4. Athletes will be judged by the Coach as having made a positive contribution to the team.
5. In order to receive a letter, a Varsity player must attend practices and games for at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the season. Being a senior does not exempt a student from this policy.

### **AWARDS NIGHT DRESS**

As Sports Award Night is considered to be a school event, athletes must adhere to the dress guidelines in the Parent/Student Handbook under the Special Event Guidelines for Young Ladies and Special Event Guidelines for Young Men.

# FORMS





**For accounting purposes, ALL players must complete the Pay-to-Play Form for all sports, even if the maximum yearly amount has been met!**

In order to support the athletics program at GCA and to subsidize the many costs such as facility fees, coaches, uniforms, and equipment, GCA has a pay-to-play fee. The fees are as follows:

\$125 per student per sport.

\$300 Maximum fee per year per student

\$500 Maximum fee per year per family

Student's First and Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's First and Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS**

- ☐ Girls Volleyball
- ☐ Cross Country
- ☐ Golf
- ☐ Soccer

- ☐ Girls Basketball
- ☐ Boys Basketball
- ☐ Cheerleading

- ☐ Boys Baseball
- ☐ Girls Softball
- ☐ Track & Field

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

- ☐ Girls Volleyball
- ☐ Cross Country
- ☐ Golf
- ☐ Soccer

- ☐ Girls Basketballs
- ☐ Boys Basketball
- ☐ Cheerleading

- ☐ Boys Baseball
- ☐ Girls Softball
- ☐ Track & Field

**Please check one to indicate your payment information:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 sport fee

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to meet the student / family maximum.

\_\_\_\_\_ No additional money is owed, as our student or family maximum has been met.

*Please note that each sport may require additional costs which may vary  
and which will be communicated by the coaches.*

**For any questions on athletics, contact Athletic Director Nahum Masimer at 740-973-8514**



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**Parent-Student Agreement**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (***PRINT parent name***) and \_\_\_\_\_ (***PRINT student name***) have read and agree with the Granville Christian Academy Athletic Policies and fully support the coaching staff and administration of the school. If we need clarity or have questions regarding the athletics program, we understand to contact the Head Coach of the sport in question first, and then contact the Athletic Director. We agree to always speak righteously regarding Granville Christian Academy (GCA) and its coaching staff. Even when we do not agree with particulars, we agree to speak only to those with whom we have a disagreement and to handle the matter in a Christian manner. I will attend the sports meeting(s) for my child(s) sports or schedule a meeting with the Athletic Director to review policies and information for which I need clarity. I have also read the GCA Parent/Student Handbook posted on the Granville Christian Academy Website, [www.granvilleca.org](http://www.granvilleca.org).

**Parental Consent**

I give my consent for this student to compete in sports. I authorize the student to go with and be supervised by a representative of the school on any trips. When necessary, I give permission for the coach to release my child early from class. In case of injury or illness, GCA is authorized to have the student treated and I authorize the medical agency to render treatment.

**Release of Liability**

Participation in extra-curricular activities at GCA is based upon my own decision and discretion, and GCA will not be held liable for any injuries that occur within the activity. I acknowledge that participation in Athletics involves both known and unanticipated risks to the participants and may result in various types of injury including but not limited to sickness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, damage to clothing or property, or financial damage. I understand such risks cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety or athletic equipment, without jeopardizing the quality of the activities.

I assume full responsibility for myself and my family members, and further release and discharge GCA and its agents from liability for injury or damage as described above arising out of my or my family's participation in Athletics including use or presence upon the facilities of GCA or any venue of athletic practice or contest, whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, GCA, or other third parties.

I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by GCA, or the employees, representatives, or agents of GCA, as well as the instructions and guidelines in both the Parent/Student Athlete Handbook and the GCA Parent/Student Handbook.

**I have received and read the attached OHSAA Concussion Information Sheet and discussed the information regarding concussion symptoms and follow-up care with my student athlete. I understand the risks my child faces by participating in a sport at GCA.**

I agree to indemnify and defend GCA against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs, or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities of GCA, or its partners.

I agree to pay for all damages to the property of GCA caused by me or any of my family members, regardless of whether or not the damage was done intentionally.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please initial if your son or daughter is **under the age of 15** and is physically fit to participate on a **Varsity team**.

I understand that Granville Christian Academy will make their best effort to contact me in the event of a medical or other emergency concerning my child. However, if I cannot be reached, I authorize the calling of a doctor and the providing of necessary medical services, as determined by emergency or school personnel, in the event my child is injured or becomes ill. I hereby give my permission for the above stated student to receive emergency medical treatment, to be hospitalized, and to receive such injections, anesthesia, or operation as may be urgently necessary. I will not hold Granville Christian Academy liable for any accident, sickness, or emergency treatment given while my child is in the care, custody, or control of Granville Christian Academy that is made in good faith.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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