

STUDENT ATHLETICS HANDBOOK

Introduction

This handbook will outline policies and procedures as well as serve as a guide for appropriate behavior and conduct for student athletes participating in the athletic program at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School. GMAHS is a member of the Athletic Association of the Catholic Academies (AACCA), which is governed by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). With this in mind, student-athletes need to establish priorities that reflect the PIAA/GMAHS philosophies. The Athletic Department is funded by Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, with attention paid to the equitable distribution of financial support for all teams. Athletic scholarships are not offered. All students are invited to participate on any of the 13 interscholastic teams (Basketball, Crew, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Indoor and Outdoor Track, and Volleyball). Scheduling for all teams is based on available competition with like institutions, with priority given to other PIAA programs. Participation in athletics in conjunction with success in academics results from hard work, commitment and sacrifice. As a result, a healthy balance between athletics and academics is not only encouraged, but also expected. While athletic honors earned by individuals and teams are encouraged and important, academic honors are paramount—hence the reason student is listed first in student-athlete.

Philosophy and Mission

The foundation of the Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Athletics Program is mission-driven and therein celebrates and “empowers each student [athlete] to develop her unique talents and abilities and to become a competent and compassionate Christian woman.” Participation in Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School athletics is a privilege which is designed to support and foster self-discipline, teamwork, respect for others, physical well-being, superior decision-making skills, healthy competition, and self-respect. Student-athletes are valued representatives of the GMA community and as such are expected to be excellent role models for peers and respected ambassadors of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School.

Sports Teams

The following sports teams are available throughout the year.

Fall

Cross Country (V,JV)
Field Hockey (V,JV)
Tennis (V,JV)
Volleyball (V,JV)
Soccer (V,JV)
Golf (V,JV)
Crew

Winter

Basketball (V,JV)
Swimming (V,JV)
Indoor Track (V,JV)
Crew – erg workouts

Spring

Softball (V,JV)
Track & Field (V,JV)
Lacrosse (V,JV)
Crew

Participation Policies for Athletics ([Click here for GMA Athletics Handbook](#))