



Athletics Media Policy

Hickory Grove Christian School

At Hickory Grove Christian School, we value the safety of our student-athletes and are committed to fostering a competitive environment that prioritizes character and Christlikeness. To maintain these standards, all outside media personnel must adhere to the following media policy when covering events on our campus.

Application & Approval Process

- All photographers, videographers, and media representatives must submit a [Media Credentials Request Form](#) before being granted access to cover any event on school grounds.
- Requests must be submitted **no later than 24 hours prior** to the event.
- Forms will be reviewed, and approval is granted at the discretion of the Athletic Department.
- Due to space and security concerns, not all requests may be approved.

Mandatory Check-In

- If approved, media personnel are required to check in upon arrival at the venue. Instructions will be sent in response to your emailed request for permission.

Credential Identification & Access

- All approved media will be issued a **bag-tag style credential** that must be displayed at all times while on campus.
- Credentials are **non-transferable** and remain the property of Hickory Grove Christian School. HGCS reserves the right to revoke credentials at any time.

Access Levels:

- **Restricted (Navy)** – designated seating/media area only.
- **Field / All-Access (Gold)** – approved sideline or field-level access, limited to designated photo lanes and work areas.

Restricted Team & Competition Areas

For the purposes of this policy, Restricted Team & Competition Areas shall include all locations designated for players, coaches, officials, and game personnel. These areas include, but are not limited to:



- Locker rooms and changing facilities
- Team benches, dugouts, and football boxes
- Playing surfaces, courts, and fields of play
- Sidelines, end zones, and other designated team areas adjacent to the field or court

Access to these areas is limited to authorized personnel only. Media personnel are not permitted in Restricted Team & Competition Areas before, during, or immediately after competition, unless explicitly approved by the Athletic Department or Game Management.

Conduct Expectations

Media personnel must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the mission of Hickory Grove Christian School Athletics: to **know Christ and to make Him known**. This means:

- Remaining professional and respectful at all times.
- Avoiding interaction with players and coaches during competition.
- Not obstructing coaches, players, spectators, officials, team personnel, or other game day personnel.
- Following all directions from event staff and game management.

Policy Enforcement

- **First Offense:** If media personnel are found violating any of these policies, their privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the season.
- **Second Offense:** If media personnel are found violating any of these policies, their privileges will be revoked for one calendar year.
- **Third Offense:** If media personnel are found violating any of these policies, they will permanently lose all photography privileges at Hickory Grove Christian School events.

This policy ensures a safe and respectful environment for our athletes while supporting the school's mission to honor Christ in all aspects of competition and media representation.

To submit a [Media Credentials Request Form](#), click here.

For questions, please contact [Ally Quesinberry](#).

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