ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT 2026-2027

Marquette High's approach is to offer as many sports teams as our staff and facilities can manage. About 74% of Marquette High students participate in one or more sports. Presently, the athletic department offers 13 WIAA varsity sports and WIARA Alpine Ski Racing. The Hilltoppers compete in the Greater Metro Conference.

Boys will need a physical, signed by a physician and dated after April 1, 2025, in order to be eligible for the 2026-27 school year. Physicals, among other forms, must be on file with Marquette High BEFORE the first date of practice.

FALL SPORTS

Football (no cut) – Head Coach Jon Kahle – official start date August 4, 2026
Football offers competition on three levels and has three teams:

- The freshman team has approx. 60 players and plays a full schedule and partial reserve season.
- The freshmen practice at Merrill Park or Takton Field after school each day until approx. 5:45 PM.

Soccer – Head Coach Steve Lawrence - official start date August 17, 2026
Soccer offers competition on three levels and keeps more players on its teams than most schools.

- The freshman soccer team has approx. 25 players, more than most schools.
- The freshmen practice at Merrill Park or Quad Park after school each day until approx. 5:30 PM.

Cross Country (no cut) – Head Coach Dan Cleary - official start date August 17, 2026
Cross Country is coached as one team but offers competition on three different levels – freshman, JV and varsity. We welcome all ability levels. We have approx. 100 runners on the entire team. Freshmen practice after school each day according to a schedule established by the coach until approx. 5:30 PM.

Volleyball – Head Coach Jake Cosson - official start date August 17, 2026
Volleyball offers competition on three levels with a larger size freshmen roster.

- The freshmen have approx. 24 players (more than most schools) and play a full schedule.
- The freshmen practice in the Humphrey Gym after school each day until approx. 5:30 PM.

WINTER SPORTS (teams will practice and compete over Christmas break)

Basketball – Head Coach Casey Kowalewski – official start date November 16, 2026

Wrestling (no cut) – Head Coach Clem Martin - official start date November 16, 2026

Hockey – Head Coach Anders Bjork – official start date November 9

Swimming and Diving (no cut) – Head Coach Kyle Bedalov - start date November 16, 2026

Alpine Ski Racing – Head Coach Andrew Letter - the season begins in November with dry land workouts and the December training camp.

SPRING SPORTS (teams will practice and compete over Easter break)

Track & Field (no cut) – official start date March 8, 2027

Lacrosse – Head Coach Emmet O'Malley - start date March 15, 2027

Baseball – official start date March 22, 2027

Golf – Head Coach Davis Jensen - official start date March 29, 2027

Tennis (w/ no cut option) – Head Coach David Frank - official start date March 29, 2027