Gordon Athletics 2026-2027

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Signing up for athletics

Middle School students sign up for athletics at www.gordonschool.org/gators, the same link used for other after school programs. The sheet below is a permission slip that must be filled out on paper and returned to the school before a child can participate in after school athletics.

Student _____ Grade _____

With a few exceptions, athletics are open to fifth through eighth grades. Due to Rhode Island Interscholastic League rules, fifth graders are not eligible to participate in cross country or track and field. However, Gordon fifth graders may participate in Gordon's Friday running club, which is a new program designed to offer additional running and fitness opportunities for all interested middle school students. This program will offer at least one competitive meet with schools outside of the RIIL league.

There is a non-refundable fee for instructional tennis in the fall and winter and enrollment in this program is limited. Interested families should register through www.gordonschool.org/gators as soon as possible. Enrollment is also limited in the spring competitive tennis program and is by invite only. To be considered for the spring tennis team, students need to have participated in at least one instructional season. Even then, no one is guaranteed a place on that team.

Release of Liability

I, the undersigned _____ (Parent/Guardian Name), do hereby certify that _____ (Student Name), who is my child, has my permission to train for and compete in after school sports under Gordon School Health Service Policy for After School Programs established by the school and that, in exchange for the privilege to participate in said sport by Gordon, I hereby agree to accept for myself full responsibility for any injury which may befall them either in training for such competition or in the competition itself or in traveling to and from such training sessions and competitions.

I do hereby agree for myself and _____ (Student Name) to hold Gordon and its employees and agents, including but not limited to teachers, coaches, trainers, drivers, nurses and doctors, free of all liability for any such accidental injury to my son/daughter/ward, and I further agree to indemnify Gordon and its employees and agents for any liability imposed on them for any such accidental injury to my son/daughter/ward. I have read all materials supplied by the athletic director) and understand the commitment required to participate in the Gordon athletics program.

Gordon Athletics Pledge to be completed by the student and a parent

I have chosen to be a part of a team and I understand that my participation on that team matters.
I understand that in order to be a good teammate, I must be present at all practices and games (with the exception of religious school and other pre-established commitments that have been approved by my coach or the athletic director). This means that not only will I attend all games and practices, but that I will come ready to listen, learn, and try new things.
I understand that in order to show true Gator Pride and represent my school in the larger community, that everyone on my team must practice skills that go beyond the sport itself.
Together, we must strive to improve, be positive, work together, communicate effectively, win and lose with integrity, and always support one another with encouraging words and actions during times of celebration as well as times of difficulty.
I will listen to and be respectful of my coaches.
I will be the best teammate I can be by showing up, showing support and being kind.
I will ask for help if I am not feeling comfortable or confident.
I will bring all necessary equipment and uniforms to all practices and games.
I will treat our practice, game, and locker room spaces with care.
I will try—no matter how difficult the challenge seems.
I will be proud of myself and my teammates when the season is over—this means that I will have done everything possible to make the season be fun, productive, and successful for all.

Please read and check the following:

_____ I have read the above commitment statement, understand what is expected of me and pledge to uphold these commitments and give my best to my Gordon sports team.

_____ I have read and will comply with Gordon's Concussion Policy, on the back of this sheet and gordonschool.org/nurse

_____ I understand that if an end-of-season championship tournament is scheduled on a weekend that I am expected to be there and participate alongside my teammates.

By signing this form, you indicate that you have read all athletic policies and expectations and agree to have your child participate fully under these guidelines. If you have questions, please contact the Athletics Department.

Student-athlete signature_____ Date _____

Gordon School
Student Concussion Policy

Background

"A concussion is a brain injury caused when the brain moves rapidly inside the skull, all concussions are serious, they can occur without loss of consciousness, in any sport. Recognition and proper management when they first occur can prevent further injury and even death…Concussion symptoms can take hours or days after injury to appear." (From the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention)

Response

The follow protocol is to be followed if a student is rendered unconscious after hitting their head:

1. Do not move the injured student
2. An airway, breathing, and circulation assessment is to be performed
3. Perform cervical spine stabilization.
4. If immediate help is needed call 911.
5. The school nurse and the parent are to be called
6. If injury is considered serious, do not wait for the parent to arrive before the injured student is transported to the hospital
    a. A member of the school staff is to ride with or follow the ambulance to the hospital
    b. The school representative will take a copy of the student's health form to the hospital. (If time does not allow it may be faxed to the Emergency Room).

The person who has a suspected head injury is to be assessed using the CDC Concussion Signs and Symptoms Checklist. The following protocol is to be used when applying the CDC Concussion Signs and Symptoms Checklist:

1. Injured student should be monitored every 15 minutes for a minimum of 30 minutes.
2. Injured student may be monitored by the nurse, if available, or another member of the faculty or staff.
3. If an injured student reports one or more of the symptoms on the checklist, their parents should be notified AND they should be referred to a health care professional.
4. When the injured student's parents arrive they should be given a copy of the CDC Checklist to take with them to the health care professional.
5. Parents are to be provided a "Head Injury Letter" which notes the signs and symptoms of head injuries and what they should be looking for.

Subsequent to the injury

The following protocol will be followed subsequent to the injury:

1. An injured student, who has been referred to a health care provider, will need to provide a letter from their health care professional clearing them for participation in recess games, physical education or after school sport.
2. The injured student will be taken out for any recurrence of symptoms.
3. Any subsequent incidents will be treated as separate events.
4. Academic accommodations deemed necessary by the health care professional will be taken into consideration.