

# GVCS SPORTS POLICY - 2019-2020 School Year

## PURPOSE

The Athletic Department of Grand View Christian School is designed to assist the parents with the athletic development of their children.

By promoting athletic competition (team sports), it is our desire to produce athletes who exhibit physical fitness, an understanding of the rules of play, a positive, productive athletic activity, while demonstrating a Christ-like attitude. (I Corinthians 10:36)

## SELECTION OF TEAMS

Athletes are selected for teams on the basis of the following criteria. No female athletes will play on male athletic teams and no male athletes will play on female teams.

1. Physical skills: Present athletic ability and future potential are considered during tryouts.
2. Spiritual skills: A life showing positive spiritual direction and evidencing fruits of the Spirit - control of emotions during and after competition.
3. Academic skills: Strong enough to maintain no "F's" at the end of each semester. (II. Tim. 2:15). The student needs to have five (5) credits of academic work during the current season.
4. Social skills: Maturity of the athlete with regard to getting along with teammates and showing respect toward others.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

In conjunction with the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union, if at the end of a semester a student-athlete is given a failing grade in any course for which a credit is awarded, the student-athlete is ineligible to dress for and compete in the next occurring interscholastic athletic contests and competition in which the student-athlete is a contestant for 30 consecutive calendar days.

## COMMITMENT

As representatives of the school, players are expected to attend their home churches regularly and to have a personal devotional life.

They are expected to support the school authorities both in public and private.

The school requests that the parents of athletes help the athletic program by signing up for one concession stand duty and one ticket sales duty for our home games.

***Parents, along with their student athlete, are required to attend an orientation meeting for each sport in which the student participates.***

## PRACTICES

1. Practices are normally held any time between 3:15 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (M, T, TH, F) and 3:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. (W). Some Saturday practices may also be held.
2. Practices should not be missed except for academic and health reasons. Every effort should be made to inform the coach of absences before the scheduled practice.
3. Players may participate on club teams during the school sport season. School games take priority over club games. The athlete's practice schedule is worked out between coach and athlete.

## COST

See Tuition & Fee Schedule for Sports Registration and Participation Fees.

## TRANSPORTATION

1. **The school will provide team transportation to most away games.** Exceptions may be games that are in the local metropolitan area.
2. If a bus is provided, athletes must ride the bus to and from the games. Exception: If parents bring student athlete home.
3. No student athlete will be allowed to ride with another student after a sporting event when bus transportation is provided.

## SPORTS PARTICIPATION / SHARE AGREEMENT

Grand View Christian School has a share agreement with other area high schools for sports not offered at our school. *Please let us know if your student will be participating in a sport with another school, and we will send them a copy of the student's athletic physical.*

## CONCLUSION

1. Any player who the coaching staff and school administration feels is not representing the school in a positive way will be removed from the team, either permanently or temporarily as the situation may warrant "to be conformed to the image of His Son..." (Romans 8:29). The administration reserves the right to suspend students from interscholastic activities for behavior specifically in the Parent Student Handbook.
2. Our coaches' primary goal is the personal growth and well-being of their players. We trust that parents will support the coach in this training endeavor.
3. Parents are expected to be good examples of sportsmanship as fans and to support school teams, coaches, and officials in a positive way.