

GRAND FORKS SECONDARY



ATHLETE PACKAGE

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GRAND FORKS ATHLETICS
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter has been given the opportunity to represent GFSS in athletics this year. Please remember that this is a privilege and not a right. We are lucky to have many teachers and community coaches willing to sacrifice their time to give your son/daughter experiences that otherwise might not be available to them. Having said this, we expect your son/daughter to live up to some expectations that the Athletic Department has in place. Please read through this package with your son/daughter and sign all of the forms that require signing. If you have any question, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me at the school at any time.

Thank you,

Jamie McKaig
GFSS Athletic Director

ATHLETIC FEES

We are asking each player to pay a participation fee to subsidize the cost of providing this opportunity. We are quite proud at GFSS to still have one of the lowest participation fees for athletics in the province. We are currently charging each athlete **\$35 for each sport played**. We kindly ask that each player pay their fee at the beginning of each season of play. If there are questions or concerns, please contact Mr. McKaig at the school. Please note that we are sympathetic if there are financial difficulties. It is our philosophy that no student be excluded because of a lack of money.

Note: Athletic fees help pay for the following:

- Team uniforms
- First aid equipment (training equipment)
- Team registration fees
- BC School Sports fees
- Tournament/playday fees
- Major officials (referees)
- Minor officials (scorekeepers)
- Sport specific equipment (balls etc.)
- Minor repair costs of equipment
- Coaches reference materials
- Transportation
- Many other miscellaneous items

UNIFORMS

All of our athletes are asked to pay a uniform deposit. For **grade 8's** it will be **\$50** and for **grades 9-12** it will be **\$100**. Upon receipt of the uniform in satisfactory condition, the cheque will be returned.

Our athletes are given the privilege of wearing our uniforms when they participate on an athletic team. It is the athletes' responsibility, therefore, to keep the uniform in the same condition as it was received. Proper care of uniforms requires following these guidelines:

- 1. DO NOT, under any circumstances, bleach the uniform**
- 2. Wash uniforms in cold water (to hold the colour) and wash with items that are the same colour**
- 3. DO NOT put the uniform in the dryer, please hang it to dry.**

Following the above guidelines will help ensure that we may continue to use these uniforms to their full potential, thus reducing the funding necessary in the future.

I, _____(athletes name) have read the above information and agree to follow the guidelines for uniform care. If I lose or damage my uniform, then I understand my deposit will be kept to pay for a replacement.

Athlete Signature _____

Date _____

GFSS ATHLETICS POLICY

This form is intended to give a brief overview of our athletic policies and philosophies at GFSS.

PHILOSOPHIES

- Encourage full participation and dedication from our student athletes
- Improve knowledge and coaching methods through various clinics
- Encourage participation and full commitment from parents, administration, and coaches in the Athletic program
- Promote the idea that having fun in athletics comes from hard work and commitment which, in turn, will lead to success
- Provide a variety of sports offered based on student want and coach availability

POLICIES

1. All rules of conduct which are in effect at **GFSS** are also applicable to all team members **AT ALL TIMES** that they are involved in a school sponsored activity
2. Any athlete observed by the coaching staff or sponsor to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while involved in a school sponsored event will be:
 - a) sent home immediately with parental notification at the athletes expense
 - b) reported to the administration with possible police involvement and suspension from school
 - c) suspended from athletic competition for that year
3. In accepting the terms of team sportsmanship, players are subject to obey all reasonable directions of the coach or sponsor. Failure to do so can result in suspension from the team
4. Athletes will exemplify the true spirit of sportsmanship towards officials, opponents, spectators, bus drivers, coaches and fellow team members
5. Athletes are to be prompt for every practice, game and meeting. Prior to an activity, coaches must be notified by the athlete of an upcoming absence
6. Students who are issued a GFSS uniform are required to maintain it and return it at the end of the season in the same condition it was given to them
7. On road trips athletes are expected to be polite and courteous to everyone with whom they are in contact, including travelling companions and employees of eating establishments and hotels. They are also asked to treat others belongings (hotel room etc.) with respect. Any complaint of a serious nature may result in being sent home immediately and suspension from the team

8. On all school sponsored functions, athletes should dress neatly and appropriately as representatives of our school. Note: coaches may have a specific dress code
9. It is the athletes responsibility to let subject teachers know in advance of absences from class so that work will not be missed.
10. Once selected to a school team, a student is expected to maintain a level of academic achievement, effort and behaviour consistent with the expectations of the school and the ability of the student.
11. A student who has an unexcused absence from school on a day of practice or game, will not be allowed to participate.
12. A student must meet the eligibility requirements of BC School Sports
13. Any athlete considering playing on a competitive team above their age level or group, must do the following (prior to tryouts):
 - inform the athletic director
 - meet with parents, coaches involved, and athletic director to determine what is best for the athlete and for the program
14. A student participating in one activity or sport may not participate in another until his/her commitment to the first has been fulfilled
15. Once a student and his/her parent or guardian has signed this form, they are committed to that sport for the season. If a student decides to quit a team before the season is over, he/she should be aware that they may not be allowed to take part in any other GFSS extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the year
16. A student may be suspended from the team if he/she does not conform to the above policies

We have read the above and agree to conform to the stated policies of the GFSS Athletic Department.

_____ (Athlete Name)

_____ (Athlete Signature)

_____ (Parent/Guardian Signature)

_____ (Date)

GFSS Athletics Participation Consent Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in taking part in a GFSS athletic program. As the possibility of injury exists during participation on school sports teams, it is recommended that parents consider:

- a yearly medical check-up for their son/daughter
- acquiring medical accident insurance coverage beyond the basic health plan

Also, for most if not all teams, travelling to other schools is required. Depending on the circumstance, students will either be sent on a bus, the minibus, or with parent drivers. If you are asked to be a parent driver, please make sure you follow the appropriate steps set out by the coach as to obtaining a drivers abstract, insurance and so forth. Gas will be reimbursed by the Athletic Department. Please be advised that we are strongly against students driving themselves to such events, and driving other students is forbidden.

Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Athletes full name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone# _____

Medical # / Care Card # _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone # (day) _____ (evening) _____

I permit my child _____ to participate in extra-curricular athletics at GFSS. Any medical concerns will be discussed with our family doctor and the coach prior to my son/daughter's involvement in athletics.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____