



Athletic's Frequently Asked Questions

Question: When are different sports offered during the year?

Answer: *The sports seasons align with each of our four academic quarters. There are four quarters and four athletic seasons.*

First Quarter

*Flag Football
Girls' Volleyball
Cross Country*

Third Quarter

*Wrestling
Girls' Basketball
Boys' Soccer
Cheer*

Second Quarter

*Girls' Soccer
Boys' Basketball
Cheer*

Fourth Quarter

*Baseball
Softball
Track and Field
Boys' Volleyball*

Question: What is required before my student can participate?

Answer: The following must be turned in at the time of signing up to participate: an AIA Physical form signed by a physician in the last 12 months (you are highly encouraged to make a copy to hold onto personally), Code of Conduct and Uniform Contract must be signed by both a parent/guardian AND student athlete, complete ONLINE Emergency Form, and payment (7th & 8th graders only).

Question: Is my 6th grader able to participate in athletics?

Answer: Due to some sports' popularity, the 7th and 8th graders are given priority of being on the teams. Sixth graders can still participate if there are any positions available on the team. If there is room, 6th graders will need to try out for those positions.

Question: If my 6th grader is not guaranteed a spot on a team, do we need to still turn in the payment when they sign up?

Answer: No, for 6th graders should turn in their physical form, code of conduct and uniform contract, and complete the online emergency form. The student and family will be notified if they make the team by the end of the first week and payment should be turned in by the following Monday.

Question: What if my student athlete decides they don't want to play anymore?

Answer: If they decide not to play prior to the first game, your activity fee can be refunded as long as it was not a tax credit. If you paid with a tax credit, speak to the Athletic Director to put it towards another activity during the school year.

Question: What are the typical team practice times and days?

Answer: Practices are generally held Monday-Friday from 3:00-4:15. This always students to take the Activity Bus home. Some coaches offer an extended practice until 5:00 pm. These are **NOT** mandatory.

Question: How does my athlete get home from practice?

Answer: Students can be picked up at the end of practice in the parent pick up loop promptly at 4:15 pm or they can take the activity bus. Please help your athlete figure out their activity bus route prior to staying after school.

Question: How does my athlete get to and from the games?

Answer: If the game is away, the athletes will be dismissed at 1:30 pm in order to ride the bus to the opposing school. After the game, students will ride the bus back arriving at OVMS around 6:30, unless you the parent/guardian is at the game and you sign them out to leave from there.

Question: How will I know about changes, rain-outs, excessive heat warnings, cancellations?

Answer: Although we do not want to cancel any sporting event, if for some reason we do, we will push out notifications through email, Facebook and Schoology. There will also be an announcement made at school and athletes will be given an opportunity to contact their families.

Question: What are my athlete's academic responsibilities?

Answer: Academics ALWAYS come first. In order to play, students must maintain a minimum of a "C" - 2.0 GPA and have no "F." The Athletic Director will conduct a weekly eligibility check. If the athlete's GPA is below a 2.0 and/or has any "F" they will be considered ineligibility, resulting in NO games or practices for one week. An email will be sent to families as well as to coaches and administration. Students will not be allowed on campus after school unless they have made arrangements to get extra help from a teacher. If the student is ineligible more than twice, they will be released from the team. Also, a student athlete must be in attendance to school no later than 11:30 am on a game day in order to participate and by 12:30 pm to attend practice.

Question: What if my athlete loses or damages part of their uniform?

Answer: All uniforms and equipment checked out to the student are the responsibility of the student. Any uniform or equipment that is lost will be billed to the student. A student may not participate in another sport, until all equipment issues have been resolved.