

GENESIS PREP



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**GENESIS PREP
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

**ATHLETIC / ACTIVITIES
HANDBOOK**

2017-2018

GENESIS PREP ATHLETICS VISION:
*THE GENESIS PREP ATHLETIC FAMILY
WILL BE KNOWN FOR "HEART"
AS WE PREPARE AND COMPETE
AS CHRISTIAN CHAMPIONS,
HUMBLE IN VICTORY, GRACIOUS IN DEFEAT,
ENCOURAGING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
AND SEEING ALL OPPONENTS THROUGH GOD'S EYES*

GENESIS PREP ATHLETICS MISSION:
*GPA ATHLETICS STRIVE
TO PROMOTE STUDENT-ATHLETE EXCELLENCE
WHILE DISPLAYING INTENTIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP*

Welcome to Genesis Prep Athletics!

Genesis Prep Christian Academy is proud to offer athletic opportunities for our students that they might have the opportunity to glorify the Lord with their physical talents and gifts. There are also great opportunities to reinforce valuable life lessons through athletic participation including team work, the pursuit of excellence and the encouragement of a strong work ethic. Genesis student athletes are held to an even higher standard of behavior and conduct as they represent our school to the other schools we compete against and to our community as a whole. It should be considered a privilege to play for Genesis. The following handbook has been established to illustrate the expectations and responsibilities of all participating parties including coaches, parents and the athletes themselves. God's blessings on you and your athletic endeavors this season.

In His service,

Mr. Finch, Principal

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17

With the desire to encourage and challenge our students, Genesis Preparatory Academy believes a well-organized and carefully directed and monitored athletic program can bring an added dimension to the teaching process. Sports offer the opportunity to teach physical fitness, sportsmanship, self-worth, self-discipline, perseverance, diligence, emotional stability, community responsibility, teamwork and initiative. Our aim is to provide an enjoyable opportunity for as many students as possible to participate in athletics. At the same time, we desire to keep the program in perspective and at a competitive and successful level.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

1. Our aim is to provide an enjoyable opportunity for as many students as possible to participate in activities and athletics.
2. Mutual respect among athletes, parents and coaches is an integral part of all of our programs.
3. Sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, personal sacrifice, physical/mental fitness, dedication, self-worth and the values learned from winning and/or losing, are all desired outcomes of our programs.
4. The activities and athletic programs are for the student's benefit.
5. Representing Genesis on an athletic or activities team carries a high expectation of responsibility for students, parents and coaches.
6. Maintaining open lines of communication between the school and parents through appropriate channels is essential. See Proposed Parameters.
7. Coaches and advisors are teachers who pass along knowledge.

PARAMETERS

1. Genesis Preparatory Academy will abide by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IDHSAA) and/or conference rules and regulations as minimum standards as well as the Mountain Christian League standards.
2. The policies and guidelines of the activities and athletics programs will adhere to the stated mission and vision of the school established by the Genesis Preparatory Academy Board of Directors and administration.
3. Winning at all costs or unsportsmanlike manner will not be tolerated.
4. A grievance procedure will be used to provide accountability for all involved.
5. Coaches will be encouraged to promote academic performance above the minimum standards set by IHSAA.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. **PHYSICAL FITNESS** – Our desire is to develop a physically fit team as well as stress the importance of a physically fit lifestyle to each individual.

2. SPORTSMANSHIP/CITIZENSHIP - We shall, by instructional effort and personal example, encourage and expect courtesy, respect, and consideration toward all students, teachers, sports officials, opponents and the general public.
3. EMOTIONAL CONTROL - Competitive sports and activities can be highly charged emotional circumstances and we shall, by personal example and careful guidance, help participants learn to handle these situations with dignity and self control.
4. SELF-WORTH - Sports offer the opportunity to develop a healthy self-esteem. Our goal is to encourage each athlete to play their best. Participants will also be encouraged to acknowledge all improvements and accomplishments of themselves, as well as their teammates.
5. SELF-DISCIPLINE – Sports and activities provide good opportunities to practice appropriate self-discipline. Participation will offer challenges and require commitment at all times in order to see growth in this area.
6. COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY - Each participant in Genesis sports or activities shall understand his/her responsibility to fellow team members, to coaches, and the school in the care of equipment, facilities, uniforms, and in the image he/she portrays as our representative to other schools.
7. TEAMWORK - Each participant shall understand the importance of overall success as opposed to personal glory. Even participants who compete as individuals have to learn the importance of working with, and supporting, fellow participating students.

BEHAVIORAL ELIGIBILITY

Athletes may be placed on Athletic Behavioral Probation at anytime when the athlete's behavior is inconsistent with the conduct described in the **Student Code of Conduct**. This probationary period is implemented when the athlete's attitude and behavior in the school, on the playing arena or in the community are contradictory to the purpose of the GPA athletic program goals and the goals of the school. The coach, athletic director and the athlete's parents will meet with the athlete to discuss the pertinent information.

Practice/Game Schedule

All student-athletes must show their commitment by being present at each practice and game. If an athlete is to miss a practice or game, the coach must be notified either verbally or in writing by the parent/guardian at least 24 hrs. in advance to give the coaching staff adequate time to adjust. If an athlete misses a practice/game without appropriate notification a consequence, decided by the coaching staff, will be strictly enforced. If an athlete is not in school the day of a game, they cannot participate in the game that day.

Student injuries

Even with the greatest precautions and the closest supervision, accidents can and do happen at school. Parents need to be aware of this and be prepared for possible medical expenses that may arise should their child be injured at school.

Genesis Preparatory Academy doesn't provide insurance coverage to automatically pay for medical expenses when students are injured at school. This is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. The school only carries legal liability insurance.

Insurance

Genesis Preparatory Academy does not assume any financial responsibility for medical or hospital expenses incurred because of athletic injuries. Athletes participate at their own risk.

Transportation

Transportation to all activities scheduled away from Genesis will not be provided. All Athletes must ride with an adult to all away games. There is a possibility to share a ride with another parent, but prior arrangements will need to be made with that individual directly. All Players must be signed out by the parents upon leaving with adults.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Scale

A = 93-100%	C- = 70-72%
A- = 90-92%	D = 60-70%
B+ = 86-89%	F = Below 60
B = 83-85%	
B- = 80-82%	
C+ = 76-79%	
C = 73-75	

Special consideration may be taken at the teacher's discretion.

Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities

All students involved in any extra-curricular activity must adhere to certain eligibility requirements, which include:

- All athletes must have their paperwork turned in and fees paid before any participation is allowed.
- Academic standards: Students must **maintain a C and above in each course** and an overall 2.0 grade average. Grades are pulled every Monday during season. If below a C in any class, you could be ineligible for the week determined by circumstances. Decision is the discretion of the Athletic Director.
- Athletes will attend the **mandatory study tables** starting at the beginning of the school year. This is mandatory until a GPA of 3.5 and above is obtained at which point it will become optional. If GPA falls below 3.5, study table will become mandatory again.
- Satisfactory attendance – Students should not currently be on attendance probation nor

have exceeded their 5 allowable absences for any class for the semester. Current Truancy issues or excessive tardies could also prohibit participation.

ATHLETIC FEES

Any student must pay the designated athletic fee for the sport they are participating in. Fees must be paid prior to the first game unless other arrangements have been made. Fees will adjust each year based on projected costs for the year.

COMMUNICATION

It's important to keep an open line of communication with the coach. We realize that there are some unavoidable circumstances that might result in an athlete missing a contest and /or a practice. We ask that you contact the coach as soon as possible when such events occur.

We ask you follow the following guidelines for handling parent/coach concerns. First the athlete should work with the coach. All coaches appreciate an open line of communication with their athlete regarding the team or individual status. A coach will not "hold it against" an athlete for wanting to talk about a situation. If a parent would like to speak to a coach about a situation it should be done via an appointment. If the problem continues to exist the parent should then contact the Athletic Director.

ATTENDANCE

A student missing four or more class periods in a day will be considered absent and may not participate in athletic events or practices scheduled for that day.

SQUAD SELECTION/PLAYING TIME

In accordance with our philosophy of athletics and our desire to see as many students as possible participate in the athletic program at GPA, we will keep as many students on each team as possible without unbalancing the integrity of the sport. Time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference and other factors will place limitations on the most effective squad size for any particular sport. It is the decision of the athletic department in conjunction with the coach regarding the number of players to be named to a team in a given season.

It needs to be understood that students who make a team will not necessarily see equal playing time. No amount of playing time is guaranteed to an athlete. Playing time depends on the skill, experience, attitude, level of competition, and how those attributes blend with the rest of the team and the level of competition. At all levels it is generally expected that an athlete will participate in each competition but there may be occasions when this does not happen.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The coach will have the freedom to discipline the athletes as long as it is consistent with the school, conference, and state policy. Some of the options that are available to the coach will be, but not limited to warnings, removal from game, practice, and even removal from the team. There are some offenses that will be handled by the school administration and the Athletic Director.