

# Fall Sports Parent Meeting

Genoa Schools Athletic Department

Monday May 20, 2024



# Welcome and Agenda



- Athletic Boosters
- Purpose of meeting
- Interscholastic Athletics
- Eligibility
- Sporting Behavior
- Requirements for Participation
- Conflict Resolution
- Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy
- Athletic Trainer
- Ticketing and Passes
- Communication
- Facility Upgrades
- Gala Information
- Misc. Information





# Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to communicate important information from the OHSAA, the Genoa Athletic Boosters, and the Genoa Athletic Department.

## Meet Attendance:

- Parents/Guardians
- Student Athletes
- Mandatory - 1 time a year

The information provided may be overwhelming to some. This presentation will be available on [www.genoacomets.com](http://www.genoacomets.com) after the meeting.

# Genoa Comets Website



[www.genoacomets.com](http://www.genoacomets.com)

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## Comet News

Athletic Boosters Gala - August 5th, 2022



Fall Sports Parent Meeting - July 21st, 2022



Fall Sports Picture Date - August 11, 2022



Fall Sport pictures are scheduled for August 11, 2022.

The mandatory Fall Sports Parent Meeting is scheduled for July 21st, 2022 at 6:00pm in the High School Auditorium. Breakout sessions will follow the meeting with each Fall Sports program.

# Why Interscholastic Athletics & OHSAA Beliefs

Participation in interscholastic athletics are beneficial for many reasons including:

- Compliments your school experience
- Fosters a sense of community
- Teaches lessons of unity, sacrifice, perseverance, commitment and discipline.
- Promotes a lifetime appreciation for sports and healthy lifestyles
- Helps prepare you for the next level of your life as a responsible adult and productive citizen

Participation in interscholastic athletics programs is a privilege, not a right!

# OHSAA Rules and Regulations

## 5 Eligibility Standards



1. General OHSAA Standards
2. Age Standards
3. Academic Standards
4. Non-School and Out of Season Standards
5. Transfer Standards

# OHSAA Rules and Regulations – Info



- Eligibility rules exist to help maintain competitive balance in school sports and promote the purpose of education based athletics
- As a student-athlete, **YOU** are primarily responsible for your compliance
- Besides OHSAA standards, Genoa has established additional academic standards and codes of conduct

# OHSAA Rules and Regulations

## General and Age Standards



### 1. General Standards

- Officially enrolled in an OHSAA member school
- Must have biological and/or adoptive parent who lives in Ohio

### 2. Age Standards

- High School students will be **ineligible** whenever they turn 20 years old
- Seventh and eighth grade students who turn 15 before August 1st are also ineligible for 7th and 8th grade sports but MAY BE eligible to participate in high school athletics



# OHSAA Rules and Regulations

## Academics



### 3. Academic Standards

- Pass at least 5 credits (High School) or 5 classes (Middle School)
- GPA of 1.6 or greater
- No more than one (1 F) failing grade
- Eligibility is based upon grades from the previous quarter.
- If you drop a course or change your schedule, it is critically important that you contact your principal, guidance office, or your athletic administration to see if this affects your eligibility.
- Semester and yearly grades have no effect on OHSAA eligibility
- All incoming 7th graders are eligible regardless of previous academic achievement
- Students taking college credit plus must comply with OHSAA scholarship standards

\*To attempt to regain OHSAA eligibility, summer school grades, college creditplus and other educational options shall not be used to bring a student into compliance with the OHSAA

# OHSAA Rules and Regulations

## Non-School and Out of season



### 4. Non-School and Out of Season Standards

- You will be ineligible if you are a member of a school team competing on a non-school team in the same sport during your school team's season (example: club soccer team during school soccer season)
- There are also certain restrictions regarding tryouts, practices and competitions with non-school teams before, during and after the school season. Please check with the athletic department with questions.

# OHSAA Rules and Regulations

## Transfer Standards



### 5. Transfer Standards

- Once eligibility has been established at a member school, a transfer to a different high school may mean you will lose eligibility for interscholastic athletics for a period of time at your new school. For specifics on the period of ineligibility, visit [ohsaa.org](https://ohsaa.org)
- This regulation has several exceptions, most of which require a ruling from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office.
- Should you have transferred to this school, you must ensure all applicable paperwork has been submitted to the OHSAA AND the state office has granted approval for eligibility.
- Full eligibility will be granted only if one of the exceptions to the OHSAA transfer regulation has been met.

Transfer guidelines can be complicated. Information is available on [ohsaa.org/eligibility](https://ohsaa.org/eligibility)  
**Important item to note, if you are a transfer student please contact the Athletic Office for eligibility information!**



# Health and Safety – Concussions

- It is extremely important to recognize the potential dangers associated with concussions and review their responsibilities in protecting student athletes.
- In Ohio, any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion...such as a loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems...shall be IMMEDIATELY removed from the contest or practice and shall not return to play that same day.
- Thereafter, the student shall not return to practice or competition until cleared with WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION from a physician or health care provider approved by the local board in accordance with state law.

# Sporting Behavior



The OHSAA's vision for positive sporting behavior is built on expectations. It calls on the school community (Administrators, contest officials, coaches, students, parents and fans) to strive for **positive** sporting behavior in everything they do by teaching the values of ethics, integrity, equity, fairness and respect.

That means you are expected to accept the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community while participating in school sports. You are expected to:

- Treat opponents, coaches and officials with respect
- Ensure that your actions do not incite fans or other participants or attempt to embarrass, ridicule or demean others.

Next Play Initiative - We will focus on the next play, moving on from any negative, to perform and behave to the best of our ability. **Next Play!**

# Sporting Behavior – Social Media



Social Media is a great tool that we utilize to provide information, score updates, and to celebrate the accomplishments of our student-athletes and sports programs.

There is an ugly side to social media. Our sporting behavior guidelines extend to social media.

Our Fan Code of conduct can be applied to negative or unethical behavior on social media directed at coaches, fans, the athletic department, or opposing players.

The Genoa Comet facebook and twitter page are meant for informational purposes only. They are not meant for discussion.

Please be smart when posing on social media!

# Fan Code of Conduct



Genoa Area Schools has a fan Code of Conduct that has been Board Approved. We will enforce the rules of the Fan Code of Conduct.

[See Code of Conduct Here](#)

# Conflict Resolution



Communication between parents, athletes, coaches and administration is very important. Our coaches are encouraged to have an open door policy with our student athletes and our student athletes are encouraged to communicate openly with their coaches. This communication is vital to having a successful athletic program

## Chain of command

- Dialogue between the athlete and the coach should always be first.
- Head Coach and Staff / Parent / Athlete
- Athletic Director / Head Coach / Parent / Athlete
- Principal / Head Coach / Parent / Athlete
- Please follow the 24 hour rule before communicating with the coach.
- Any meetings will be with parent, athlete, and coach.
- Playing time is at the discretion of the coach and is not to be the subject of a meeting



# Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco / Testing Policy

## Drug Testing Policy Highlights:

- All student athletes 7-12 grade will be drug tested.
- An initial baseline test will be administered prior to each season. A student athlete is only subject to the baseline test 1 time per year. Cost for the test is \$20.
- Random testing will be done throughout the school year. (No charge)
- Violating the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco policy will result in the same consequences as a positive drug test
- Policy is in effect for the course of the yearly Athletic Calendar
- No reset on consequences yearly

## Consequences

- Self Referral – parent meeting and counselor referral
- Investigative Self Referral – parent meeting, counselor referral and 10% loss of eligibility
- First Offense – parent meeting, counselor referral and 20% loss of eligibility
- Second Offense – parent meeting, counselor referral and 50% loss of eligibility
- Third Offense – Denial of participation

# Health and Safety Athletic Trainer



Genoa Schools and Nationwide Children's Hospital partner to provide our Athletic Department a full time Athletic Trainer.

Kristen Jackson

She is available at most practices and all home games for our student athletes.

If your student athlete suffers an injury, please communicate with the trainer so that she can be up to date on all injuries.

# Multi Sport Athletes



The Genoa Athletic Department promotes strongly that our student-athletes participate in multiple sports in their school career.

## 5 Reasons why we promote multi sport athletes

1. **Fewer overuse injuries** - Studies show that playing multiple sports leads to better muscle, motor and skill development. It promotes general athleticism, balance, speed and agility
2. **Less opportunity for emotional burnout** - Focusing on a single sport can lead to burnout and a loss of interest
3. **Exposure to different athletes** - Multi sports helps them expand their social circle and their opportunities for interaction
4. **Exposure to different roles** - Creates athletes who are flexible, multi-dimensional, and exposed to many situations and are coachable
5. **Not putting all our eggs in one basket** - Playing one sport limits your options

# Pay to Participate



<https://genoacomets.com/pay-to-participate>

# Requirements for Participation

**These items must be completed prior to August 2, 2021 to be eligible to participate in practice**

- ☐ Complete and return all forms to the Athletic Department. (see packet)
- ☐ Including in those forms is the requirement to have a physical examination by a physician and the form completed. Physical examinations are valid for 13 months from the date of the exam.
- ☐ Logon to [genoaschools.com](https://genoaschools.com) and complete the annual student enrollment / emergency medical form.
- ☐ Pay all participation fees - including any previous balance.

# Final Forms



Genoa Area Schools has adopted Final Forms as the primary way to submit documentation to the district.

All students must complete enrollment in Final Forms prior to the beginning of the school year.

Athletes should specify sports they plan to participate in during enrollment and fill out the forms provided by Final Forms.

The only form that will need to be completed outside of Final Forms is the OHSA Physical Evaluation Form 2024-2025.

That form is available in the forms section of [genoacomets.com](https://genoacomets.com)



# Health and Safety



- Before the season's first practice you must have had a physical examination within the past year AND an examination clearance form must be on file at the school
- Physical examinations are valid for 13 months from the date of the exam.
- Athletic participation forms shall be signed by a medical examiner, the participant and the parent or guardian.
- In addition, you will not be eligible unless you and your parents have signed the OHSAA Authorization Form; the OHSAA Eligibility & Authorization Statement; the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) concussion form, and ODH's sudden cardiac arrest form, all of which must be on file at your school.

# OHSAA COVID-19 Guidelines

**People (players, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.) feeling sick or that have been exposed to someone sick, should not attend or participate in competitions or practices.**

**Stay home if you're sick!**



COVID-19 Procedures



# Genoa Covid-19 Procedures

# OHSA COVID-19 Guidelines for Coaches



## Requirements for Coaches:

- Conduct daily symptom assessments before each practice or contest.
- No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted.
- Must wear a face covering at all times.
- Limit day-of roster to 15 dressed players.
- Sanitize equipment as often as time permits.
- Do not share clipboards, whiteboards, dry erase boards or any other equipment used for coaching purposes.
- Enforce that all individuals traveling by bus socially distance and wear a facial covering.
- Keep seating charts on busses for contact tracing purposes.
- Help in the effort to contact trace at all basketball related activities.

# OHSAA COVID-19 for Players



## Requirements for Players:

- Conduct daily symptom assessments before each practice or contest.
- Be honest and upfront if you are sick and communicate that to your parents and coach.
- No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted.
- Do not share equipment, towels, facial coverings, water bottles, other drinks or food. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation must be performed.
- Observe social distancing when possible including at practice and on the bench during games.
- Players who are not one of the five on the court and all bench personnel shall wear facial coverings.
- Do your best to keep yourself out of situations that could put you at risk.

# OHSAA COVID-19 for Spectators / Ticket Info

## Requirements for Spectators

- Conduct daily symptom assessments before each contest.
- No congregating before or after practices or contests is permitted.
- Six-feet social distancing must be maintained between individuals/family groups.
- Facial coverings are required unless exceptions can be met as listed in Ohio Health Director's Sports Order.

## Ticketing

- Available tickets will be dependant on facility size.
- Limited to 15% with no variance.
- Ticket process will vary depending on the site.
- There will limited to no presale tickets for Fall Sports.



# Athletic Handbook Highlights

- Awards and Lettering Policy
  - Policies established by respective coaches.
  - Awards can be withheld if athletes fails to attend season ending ceremony
  - Disregard for athletic handbook policy could compromise awards
  - If equipment has not been returned, awards will be withheld
- Recruitment of Athletes
  - We encourage our coaches to promote multi sport participation
- Social Media
  - Misuse or abuse of social media can be subject to loss of eligibility as deemed by coach or admin.



# Athletic Handbook Highlights

- Quitting/Dismissal/Denial of Participation
  - Dismissal may occur under the following:
    - OHSAA violation (ejection policy)
    - Violation of Student Code of Conduct
    - Violation of Athletic Code of Conduct
    - Violation of training or team rules
  - If dismissed, students and families will be given a meeting to discuss
  - Any athlete who quits after the first scrimmage or regular season contest will not be permitted to participate in another sport (in or out of season)
  - Weight room participation must be approved by coach and AD.

# Athletic Handbook Highlights



- Attendance
  - Students involved in athletics must be in school for a minimum of 4 periods unless excused by administration.
  - If a student leaves early from school due to illness, they may not practice or participate in an event.
  - Absences prior to a weekend/holiday that may affect participation may be rendered excused by the administration.
- Conflicting Competition
  - If an athlete desires to participate in two potentially conflicting sports during the season, written approval must be secured by both coaches and submitted to the athletic director at least 5 days in advance of the first scheduled contest. The written notification must be signed by parents and indicate which activity takes precedence.

# Ticketing, Passes, and Helping Hands



- NBC Ticket pricing:
  - Varsity Events will be Adults \$8 Seniors/Students \$5
  - Sub Varsity events will be Adults \$5 Seniors/Students \$3
- Tickets at Genoa will be available at the gate only
- Reserved seating is available for Varsity Football.
- Family and Individual Comet passes are available.
- Helping hands Comet passes

We are still looking for volunteers at our events!





# Comet Pass



## Ways to get a “Comet Pass”

- Helping Hands
- Purchase:
  - Individual Pass
  - Family Pass
  - Senior Citizen Pass
  - Student Pass

**Passes, Reserved Seats,  
Helping hands signup**

**August 12, 2024  
High School / Middle School  
Cafeteria  
12pm - 7pm**

# Athletic Boosters



Our Athletic Boosters do a fantastic job providing our students with equipment, uniforms, facilities and camp opportunities.

Meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the High School Library at 7:00pm

Please come to a meeting and consider being active on the Booster Organization.

# School Messenger



Please log in to school messenger and setup your account.

The Athletic Department will use school messenger for communication specifically:

- Covid-19 Updates
- Schedule Updates
- Ticket Information

Go to [Genoaschools.com](https://genoaschools.com) and scroll to the section on SchoolMessenger for more information.

# Weight Room Upgrades



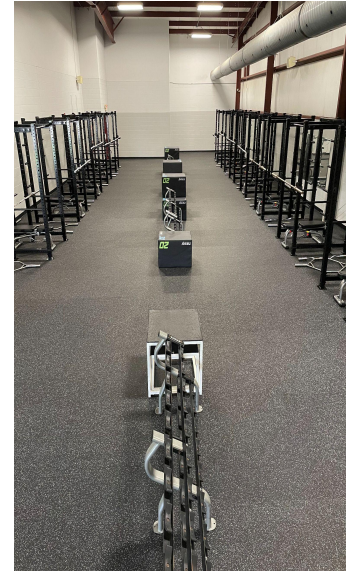
With entirely privately donated money, we are excited to announce that we have upgraded our weight room facility.

This has become a first class facility for ALL students at Genoa, not just athletes.

Upgrades include new flooring, racks, bars, weights, dumbbells and boxes.

To talk more about this we invite up our new Assistant Principal, Football Coach and Complex Coordinator Dave Mifsud

\*We will be hosting an online auction  
In the near future for some of the old  
equipment



# Comets Crazy!



I want to encourage each of our student-athletes and our comet community to find time to support each other in athletics this season. Last year with limited attendance our student-athletes missed out on the opportunity to attend and support each other at events. Don't take this opportunity for granted this year, get out and be a Comet Crazy!





# Other Important Information

- Fall Sports schedules are available online at [genoacomets.com](http://genoacomets.com)
- Board policy states that all athletes should ride to games in school provided transportation.
- Senior Banners - If you have a senior student athlete, be sure to choose W on the picture form. Senior banners are \$20 - (technically \$40 but the Athletic Boosters picks up half) and the money should be paid on picture date to Innovations.



# Important Dates

- Fall Sports Start Date August 1, 2024
- Picture Day August 6, 2024
- Drug Testing Date August 10, 2024
- Helping Hands, Reserved Seat and Pass Day August 12, 2024
- Athletic Boosters Gala August 9, 2024



# Athletic Department Info and Updates



- Athletic Department Social Media
  - X (formerly twitter): @GenoaSports
  - Facebook: [facebook.com/Genoa.Athletics](https://facebook.com/Genoa.Athletics)
  - Instagram: genoaathletics
- Website
  - [www.genoacomets.com](http://www.genoacomets.com)





# Contact Info



## Athletic Department Contact Info

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- I typically only respond during the hours of 8am-4pm

# Breakout Sessions



## Sport

HS/MS Football  
HS/MS Volleyball  
HS/MS Cheerleading  
Girls Soccer  
Boys Soccer  
HS/MS Cross Country  
Boys Golf  
Girls Golf

## Location

HS Gym  
No meeting tonight  
No meeting tonight  
Tournament prep  
Tournament prep  
HS Cafeteria  
MS Library  
HS Library