

Welcome to Red Creek Junior High Athletics

Congratulations, your child is now eligible to begin playing organized athletics here at Red Creek Central School District. Below is a very brief overview of what is required and expected should your child choose to participate in athletics. More information will be provided at each team's preseason meeting, held prior to the start of each season.

Philosophy:

The interscholastic athletic program is an integral part of the entire educational process in the Red Creek Central School District. Our goals are to develop a competitive athletic program and to install quality athletic education and lifetime values. These values include sportsmanship, wellness, and high academic achievements for the development of lifetime skills, which will ensure that students/athletes become productive members of society.

Citizenship:

It is expected that students/athletes demonstrate citizenship both in and out of the contest involved. As a representative of the school, community and family the student/athlete is to conduct themselves within appropriate standards set forth by Red Creek Central School District, Wayne County and the State of New York.

Sportsmanship:

Sportsmanship involves appropriate respect towards coaches, fellow players, opponents, officials and spectators. Disregard for citizenship and/or sportsmanship can result in disciplinary action from the coach, athletic director, principal or superintendent dependent on the severity of the behavior.

Expectations:

All athletes will be expected to be at all team practices and contests. This may require a maximum commitment of six days per week, during the scheduled season. New York State has established practice guidelines that outline the specific number of practices all athletes must have prior to becoming eligible for game play.

Typically all practices will be held on Red Creek Central School District property and run from 3:30-5:30pm daily. Additionally, Red Creek offers an activity bus run for in-season athletes to get home after practices. The activity bus run leaves Red Creek at 5:30 on Monday – Thursday, however, there is no bus available on Fridays. Each team will have a posted schedule that is subject to change, and will include both home and away contests. Most games or meets begin around 4:00pm and can be held either at a home or away site.

Sports Offered to 7th and 8th grade students:

Students may choose up to one sport during each sports season.

Fall – Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country

All Winter – Varsity Indoor Track and Field, Varsity Bowling

Winter 1* - Boys Basketball

Winter 2* - Girls Basketball, Wrestling

Spring – Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Boys Track and Field, Girls Track and Field, Golf

Sport Equipment Needs:

Below is a list of basic equipment that each student would be expected to have to participate in that particular sport.

Soccer – NOCSE approved shin guards, soccer cleats, appropriate practice clothes

Cross Country – running shoes or cleats, appropriate practice clothes

Basketball – basketball shoes, appropriate practice clothes

Wrestling – wrestling shoes, appropriate practice clothes

Bowling – bowling shoes, bowling ball, bowling shirt (\$)

Indoor Track – running shoes/cleats, appropriate practice clothes

Baseball/Softball – cleats, ball glove, socks (\$), hat (\$), appropriate practice clothes

Golf – golf clubs, golf shoes, shirt (\$), hat (\$), appropriate practice clothes

Outdoor Track – running shoes/cleats, appropriate practice clothes

\$ = item may require families to purchase specific items that students are permitted to keep.

All other game uniforms will be supplied by the Red Creek School District. Students will be responsible for the care of school issued uniforms, and can be billed if these items are lost or not returned in proper condition.

Sports Requirements:

To be eligible for a sport each student must have on file in the Nurse's Office a current approved sports physical. Sports physicals are valid for one full year from the date of the exam, and must be renewed each year. Students without a current sports physical will not be permitted to participate until they are cleared. Typically, Red Creek Central School offers two days in which sports physicals are offered free of charge at the Red Creek High School.

Additionally, each sports season your child must turn in to their coach three important papers. The first is an emergency contact card that helps the coach get in touch with your family in an emergency. Second is an updated health history form, this is a separate form from the physical form. Lastly, each athlete and family must read and sign the Athletic Handbook that contains the Acknowledgement of Risk and the Athletic Creed agreement.

I look forward to seeing your child compete on the athletic field here at Red Creek for many years to come. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me at 754-2050.

Yours in Athletics,

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