
PEARL RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletic Department



FAQ's: Modified Sports

Who is eligible to participate?

Middle school sports are open to all students in grades 7 and 8.

What sports are offered at Pearl River?

FALL: Football, Field Hockey, Soccer (B/G), Swimming (G), Volleyball (G), Cross Country (B/G), Tennis (G)

WINTER: Basketball (B/G), Ice Hockey, and Wrestling

SPRING: Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse (B/G) Track (B/G), Tennis (B)

When do modified sports begin in the fall?

Sports will begin with a meeting on the second day of school. Over the summer further information will be posted on the athletic website. Note: Once students are eligible to play a JV or Varsity sport (grades 9-12) tryouts and practices will begin in late August.

What do I need to do in order for my son or daughter to be eligible to participate?

Several steps are necessary in order for your child to be eligible to participate:

- 1) You must obtain an adequate health examination by either the school physician (Dr. Padre) or your own private physician. Sports physicals are valid for a 12 month period. Free school physicals are offered by Dr. Padre at the start of each season.*
- 2) You must create an account on FamilyID, our online athletic registration platform, and complete the registration process for your child. Registration opens 30 days prior to the start of each season. The registration link can be found on the Pearl River Athletic Webpage prior to the start of each season.*
- 3) The MS nurse must review and approve all information submitted. Contact the MS nurse, Ms. Sens-Castet, at 620-3878 with any questions regarding medical clearance.*

If my child attends a different school are they eligible to participate in sports at Pearl River?

No, students can only compete in sports for the school of which they are registered and taking classes.

Are their tryouts? Is there a selection process? Are there cuts?

Many sports have tryouts and a selection process during the first week of the season. Each student will be given a fair opportunity to tryout for the sport of their choice. Coaches will utilize specific criteria to evaluate athletes, conduct a fair selection process, and make cuts. No student is guaranteed a spot on a team regardless of the number of camps, clinics, or travel teams they participate in.

How do I find out if a practice or game is cancelled?

If there is a cancellation the coach will typically have an announcement made in school to alert the participants. The cancellation will also be posted on the whiteboard outside of the locker rooms. To be notified of game cancellations (via email or text), it is recommended that you sign up for Tandem, the online athletic scheduling calendar. This calendar is also linked to the Pearl River Athletic Webpage.

How many days per week do MS sports meet?

In general, MS sports meet every day, Monday through Friday, during the season from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. It is the expectation that students attend every practice. Typically there is no practice when school is not in session (including holiday, weekends and school recess).

Be aware that there is a certain number of practices required for each sport before a student is eligible to play in a game. This is a NYS Public High School Athletic Association requirement.

Are all practices and games held at Pearl River Middle School?

No, not necessarily. While the majority of teams practice at the MS, several sports practice either at the HS (spring track) or other off-site locations such as Bear Mountain (ice hockey) or Nauraushaun, Hillsdale Stonybrook Swim Club (swimming).

If not, is transportation provided?

Yes, a shuttle bus runs between the high school and middle school on a daily basis for those students who need to be transported to other practice locations. The athletes load the shuttle bus outside the gymnasium entrance.

Is transportation provided to and from away games by the school district?

Yes, for away games and contests the school district provides transportation to and from these events. It is the expectation that students use the transportation provided. If there is a need to pick-up your child from an away event, you will be required to sign a release form that the coach will have on hand at the end of the game.

If my child gets injured, is there certified medical staff available to attend to him/her?

Absolutely, the safety of your child is our number one priority. All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified and are equipped with a medical kit. Furthermore, we have a full-time athletic trainer, Mr. Amadio, who oversees the prevention and care of all athletic injuries. Mr. Amadio's office is located at the high school.

Does the school issue uniforms and equipment or do I have to purchase my own?

Yes, uniforms are distributed at the start of each season. Typically students come with their own personal equipment necessary to play the sport (e.g. glove, lacrosse stick, cleats, racquet, etc.) However, the district does provide all necessary protective equipment (helmets, shoulder pads, etc.) relative to the safety requirements of that sport. Lost uniforms and/or equipment must be replaced and paid for.

Will my child have a sports locker to store and secure their belongings?

Unfortunately, we do not have enough lockers for students to store their personal equipment or belongings. Any items that cannot be locked up may be secured either with the coach or in the physical education office at the MS. Generally, coaches encourage kids to leave their valuables at home.

Where can I find further information about the Pearl River Athletic Department?

You can access the Pearl River School District Athletic website at any time. Many updates, forms, schedules, and contact information can be found on this site. For varsity game results and announcements you can follow PearlRiverAthletics (@PR Athletic) on Twitter.