

# New to RHETORIC Athletics?



**We're excited to have you here!**

**Please review the information below for requirements and information on Rhetoric Athletics.**

Rhetoric sports are open to all 9-12th grade students and fall within three seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring

**FALL:** Volleyball (*girls only*); Football (*boys only*); Cross Country

**WINTER:** Soccer; Basketball, Wrestling (*boys only*)

**SPRING:** Track & Field; Golf; Tennis; Baseball (*boys only*)

## How to Prepare

The Summer is the best time to prepare for a flawless transition into Rhetoric Athletics. Even if your son or daughter chooses to participate in only one sports season, being prepared is the best way to be ready for participation throughout the year.

### 1. **Schedule your child's annual physical with their pediatrician.**

- Physicals on file are good for **one calendar year from the date on the physical.**
- Current physicals obtained by your child's pediatrician can also be uploaded for participation.

### 2. **In July\*, upload documentation to Rank One.**

- Rank One is the system Covenant uses to register each athlete. You will upload all required athletics paperwork in the Rank One system. **This is one of the MOST important steps to ensure your child is eligible to participate in athletics at Covenant from 7-12th grade.**
- **How to complete online forms in Rank One - [Learn more](#)**
- Once the required paperwork is on file, your child will be eligible to participate.
- *\*This date in July can be different from year to year. We will work diligently to get the correct information to you via BattleCry as we receive it or you can regularly check the Rank One website.*

### 3. **Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF) & Student Transfer Form (STF)**

- If your student is transferring from another high school, TAPPS (our governing body around athletics) requires both PAPF and STF forms completed and signed off by your previous school's administration (both an Athletic Director and Head Administrator). The PAPF and STF forms are included for your reference, [here](#). This is not required for 8th Grade students matriculating to the 9th Grade.

## Important Dates

**2025 FALL Sport Start Date:**

Monday, August 4 - *times of practice vary, depending on the team.*

# FAQs

- **Do you make cuts?**

- We do make cuts from teams based on the number of students that come out for a sport. Typically at the high school level, we don't see cuts, rather there is team placement (JV or Varsity, if applicable). *Please see further explanation of our Cuts Policy outlined in our Athletics Handbook, [here](#).*

- **What if we're on vacation during tryouts? Do you have makeup tryout dates?**

- We do not offer makeup tryout dates. If your son or daughter is absent from a team that requires tryouts for placement decisions, they may not be considered for a spot on a team. Please always feel free to discuss conflicts with the team's specific coach.

- **How many teams are there for each Rhetoric sport?**

- Volleyball - 2 teams: JV, Varsity
- Football - 1 team
- Cross Country - 1 team
- Cheer - JV & Varsity; Tryouts in March for the following school year
- Soccer - 1 girls team; 2 boys teams - JV, Varsity
- Basketball - 1 girls team; 2 boys teams - JV, Varsity
- Wrestling - 1 team
- Golf - 1 girls team, 1 boys team. Tournament teams of 5-6 are determined throughout the season, typically based on performance.
- Track & Field - 1 team
- Tennis - 2 teams - JV, Varsity
- Baseball - 1 team

- **How many students make up a team?**

- Please reference "[TEAM SELECTIONS, SIZE AND NUMBER](#)" in the Covenant Athletics Handbook.

- **Is there an athletic fee?**

- Yes, an athletic fee is billed through FACTS per sport - Fall (September), Winter (November), Spring (March). Rates are subject to change and can be found [here](#).

- **What if my Rhetoric student chooses not to participate in a sport at Covenant?**

- If your child chooses not to participate in a sport, whether seasonally or for the year, they will be required to fill their athletic credit through an off campus credit (*see next point*), by managing a Covenant team, or participating in the AT Student Aide program.
- To learn more about the requirements for athletic credits in Rhetoric school, please connect with Rhetoric school advisors, Angela Traywick or Sheri Heasley.

- **Do you offer off-campus credit for athletics?**

- Yes, we have an Off-Campus Credit program that can be utilized throughout the year - Fall, Winter, & Spring seasons or Semester 1 and 2.
- [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Additional Notes

- **The BattleCry:** The BattleCry is your weekly source of all Athletics information, from team highlights to important date announcements (i.e. Athletics Parent Information Meetings) and everything in between. We encourage you to read it! *If you are a new family to Covenant, you will be automatically added to the BattleCry subscription at the start of the new year. You may unsubscribe at any time.*
- **SportsYou:** [SportsYou](#) is an app we use for all things communication that is specific to your child's team. You'll get notifications directly to your phone in real time. Updates on scheduling changes (such as a game cancellations and parent pickup info), transportation logistics (reminders on when/where to meet for a game or practice), general updates and athletic specific plugs (i.e. reminders to turn in uniforms; when team pictures

are scheduled) - all this and more can come from your coach or another Athletics staff member. Look out for signup info from a specific team's coach at the start of the season.

We have great participation in Rhetoric sports (89% of Rhetoric students participate in at least one sport!) and we encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of the valuable learning experiences, team-building opportunities and exceptional coaching staff here at Covenant.

## Contacts

### ATHLETICS STAFF

- [Evann Hopkins](#), Assistant AD (oversees Spring Sports)
- [Jesse Olvera](#), Athletic Director (oversees Fall Sports)
- [Sophia Gutierrez](#), Athletic Trainer
- [Liz Traeger](#), Athletics Coordinator
- [Jacob Zinn](#), Assistant AD (oversees Winter Sports)

### BOOSTER CLUB BOARD

- [Rick Black](#), President
- Scott Clement
- Kimberly Fox
- Summer McConnell
- Bodie Spangler
- Phil Tilger
- Ty Anderson

Please reach out to Athletics Coordinator, [Liz Traeger](#) with any questions.