

STUDENT ATHLETE HANDBOOK 2026-2027



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Section 1: INTRODUCTION

100. INTRODUCTION

Purcell Marian is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), Miami Valley Conference (MVC) and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. With this understanding, all bylaws and regulations as set forth by these organizations will be adhered to. The athletic handbook is a reference guide for matters related to Purcell Marian Athletics.

PHILOSOPHY

Interscholastic athletics is a very integral part of the high school educational experience. It has been proven that participating in interscholastic athletics fosters academic success and equips scholars with the tools necessary to navigate through life within and beyond the institution. Our athletic programs focus on developing the whole person; emphasizing the scholar before the athlete.

VISION

The Purcell Marian Athletic Department strives to curate a preeminent experience for our student-athletes and their families. Through education-based athletics, our student-athletes will develop skills and characteristics conducive to becoming contributing members of society. Our athletic staff and coaches will emphasize developing the person first and the player second. It is paramount that our athletic programs compliment the institution's core educational values.

101. Marianist Characteristics in Athletics

Our athletic programs should strive to teach and incorporate faith components in their respective programs daily

Our athletic programs should strive to teach and demonstrate life skills and athletic improvement in their respective programs daily

Our athletic programs should strive to teach and demonstrate the importance of family values and teamwork as an everyday focus of their respective programs

Our athletic programs should strive to teach and demonstrate service, justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in their respective programs daily

Our athletic programs should strive to teach and demonstrate adaptation and change in their respective programs daily



Section 2: SPORTS INFORMATION

200. SPORTS OFFERINGS

We offer a wide variety of sports in the fall, winter and spring seasons. Below are the sports that we offer throughout the year.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cheerleading	Boys' Basketball	Baseball
Boys' Cross Country	Girls' Basketball	Softball
Girls' Cross Country	Boys' Bowling	Track & Field
Football	Girls' Bowling	Flag Football
Boys' Soccer	Cheerleading	Boys Volleyball
Girls' Soccer	Girls' Swimming	
Girls Volleyball	Boys' Swimming	
	Wrestling	

201. League Information

Purcell Marian is a member of the Miami Valley Conference along with other member schools:

- Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy
- Cincinnati Christian
- Cincinnati Country Day
- Clark Montessori
- Lockland
- Miami Valley Christian
- New Miami
- North College Hill
- Norwood
- Roger Bacon
- St. Bernard-Elmwood Place
- Summit Country Day



More information about member schools, schedules, and scores can be found at <http://miamivalleyconference.com/>

202. SPORTS DIRECTORY

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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SUPPORT STAFF

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FALL SPORTS HEAD COACHES

Football – Chris Mobley – football@purcellmarian.org

Cheerleading – Marnie Penkalski – mpenkalski@purcellmarian.org

Cross Country – Kyle Nobbe – knobbe@purcellmarian.org

Soccer (Boys) – Joe Grothe – boysoccer@purcellmarian.org

Soccer (Girls) – TJ Bailey – girlssoccer@purcellmarian.org

Volleyball (Girls) – Lawrence Jackson – girlsvolleyball@purcellmarian.org

WINTER SPORTS HEAD COACHES

Basketball (Boys) – Michael Holmes – boysbasketball@purcellmarian.org

Basketball (Girls) – Jamar Mosley – girlsbasketball@purcellmarian.org

Bowling (Boys) – B.J. Brown – bowling@purcellmarian.org

Cheerleading – Marnie Penkalski – mpenkalski@purcellmarian.org

Swimming – Erica Schomaker – swimming@purcellmarian.org

Wrestling – Donnie Tye – wrestling@purcellmarian.org

SPRING SPORTS HEAD COACHES

Baseball – Garming Chin – baseball@purcellmarian.org

Softball – Carla Horne – softball@purcellmarian.org

Flag Football – TJ Bailey – flagfootball@purcellmarian.org

Track & Field – TBD – track@purcellmarian.org

Section 3: GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

300. Academic Eligibility

Quarterly Eligibility:

To be eligible, student-athletes must pass a minimum of 5 one-credit course classes (or the equivalent to) in the grading period preceding the grading period in which they plan to participate in a sport.

Intra-Quarterly Eligibility

Purcell Marian athletics conducts bi-weekly grade checks on Tuesday mornings beginning in September and continuing through May. Students who are failing two or more classes must sit out one week of all athletics (practices/games/meets) and will be required to attend a Homework Help session the week of their suspension. The student will have to sit out the entire week regardless if their grade changes or raises after the grade check. A student may fail under the state guidelines without having been through the intra-quarterly process that Purcell Marian conducts.

301. Required Forms

Physicals

Student-athletes must have a valid and current physical filled out and signed by a physician on file with the athletic department to begin any physical activity or participate in a sport.

The form can be found at [preparticipation physical evaluation | ohio high school athletic association | 2026-27](#)

Final Forms

Student-athletes must have all forms electronically signed on Final Forms before beginning any physical activity. All forms are considered signed once the section turns green on the webpage.

Physical Education Graduation Requirement

Students who successfully complete two full seasons of interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading may be excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement. The “two full season” requirement may be completed within a single school year.

Successful complete of a season, in case of interscholastic athletics, means that a student is both a member of the team or group and is eligible for end of season awards/recognition

302. Transfer Students

Students who transfer to Purcell Marian from another high school are subject to the OHSAA Transfer consequence, unless they meet one of the exceptions listed by the OHSAA. Please reach out to the Director of Athletics, Jamar Mosley, to schedule a meeting to discuss the status of your child's eligibility.

303. Athletic Fees/Team Fees

In the past, there has been an athletic fee for playing sports at Purcell Marian. As of June 2024, there will be no athletic fees handed down from the business office.

However, programs may have a team fee that is required in order to participate in that specific sport. Team fees can cover a wide range of different things including, but not limited to, team gear, team meals, and team travel.

Team fees must be paid directly to the Athletics Office prior to the date given by the Athletics team. If the fee is not paid or a payment plan is not set up, students will be withheld from participation.

304. Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying Policy

The Purcell Marian Student Athlete Handbook clearly states that any student is strictly prohibited against hazing, bullying behavior and/or dating violence and that such conduct may result in disciplinary action, including removal from extra-curricular activities, suspension and/or expulsion.

Hazing means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person.

Harassment, intimidation and bullying is an intentional written, verbal, electronic or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once. The intentional act also includes violence within a dating relationship. The behavior causes mental or physical harm to another student and is severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment.

Any student athlete that violates these rules will be disciplined through the school's process and will jeopardize their privilege of participating in Athletics at Purcell Marian High School

305. Attendance Policy

Student-athletes must complete 50% of the school day in order to be eligible to participate in athletic events on that day.

In order for a student to compete in athletics events on the weekend or a holiday break, the student must have completed 50% on the school day that precedes the weekend or holiday break.

- On A and B days, students must be present for two full bells. Late arrival, early dismissal, and flex bells do not count toward the two full bells count.
- On C days, students must be present for four full bells.
- If a student is absent (unexcused or sick) from school, then that student may not participate in athletics (game or practice) on that same day.
- Excused absences would only include college visits or other "present other location" scenarios.
- If a student is absent due to illness on a Friday, the student may play on Saturday assuming that they are healthy enough to participate.

Once students hit eight unexcused tardies and/or four unexcused absences in a single quarter, they will not be permitted to participate in any athletics activities until the beginning of the next quarter (first day of school in the new quarter).

ABSENCES FALL INTO TWO GENERAL CATEGORIES: EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED

- Absences are considered unexcused if proactive parental contact regarding the circumstances of the absence has not been made. Proactive parental contact, described below, is required for the absence to be considered an excused absence.
- Absences can be categorized as unexcused at the discretion of the Administration.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE AND OR TARDY

When a student is absent or tardy, the following steps should be taken to be considered proactive parental contact:

(1) On each day of the student's absence or tardy, a parent must call the school before 9:00 a.m. to report the reason for the absence or tardy. Parents/guardians should report the absence or tardy to school at (513)751-1230. In your message please make sure to include the name of the student and reason for absence.

(2) If a phone call is not placed by 9:00 a.m. by a parent/guardian, then a phone call will be placed by Purcell Marian staff checking on the status of the student. If contact is not made, then a message will be left, and it is the responsibility of the family to make proactive contact with the school and report the reason for absence.

306. Quitting Policy

Once a team is selected, quitting becomes a serious matter. We strongly encourage any athlete who feels it necessary to quit a team to discuss his/her feelings with the head coach prior to quitting. In the event that the athlete decides to quit, he/she must turn in all issued equipment and all uniforms to the head coach immediately.

If a student is participating on two teams in the same season and quits one team before the first game, it does not affect his/her status on the other team. If a student quits after the first game, he/she will not be allowed to participate in any sport for the remainder of that season or the following season. If an athlete quits the sport before the sport(s) season ends, he/she shall not letter in that sport. The athlete will letter if after completing the season he/she is in good standing with the school. This policy may be appealed to the athletic director(s) based upon extenuating circumstances.

307. Transportation Policy

Transportation for our sports teams are determined using the following criteria:

- Team size
- Location of event
- Sufficient funding

Communication will come directly from coaches to the families regarding their team's transportation plan. Student athletes are to communicate with the head coach if they wish to travel to/from an event in a family owned personal vehicle. Students are not permitted to travel in a coach's personal vehicle.

308. Uniform & Equipment Policy

Athletes are responsible for proper care and return of uniforms and equipment issued to them by Purcell Marian. Issued uniforms and equipment that are not returned and/or have been damaged, beyond normal wear and tear, are required to be reimbursed to the athletic department by the student.

Students will be withheld from future sports participation until payment is received. Diplomas will be withheld from seniors until payment and/or the return of Purcell Marian property is received. In sports where athletes buy and/or keep their uniform(s), the athlete will be required to pay the cost of the uniform(s); if a payment is not received by a specific deadline, participation or diplomas may be withheld.

309. Late Pick Up Policy

Please respect the fact that a Coach must supervise all players after the conclusion of a contest, practice, or away event until a parent or guardian has arrived. Due to the increased number of occurrences, a new policy is now in effect as of August 2024. All student-athletes must be picked up within 20 minutes of the end of practice. After the first occurrence of a late pick-up, the coach will politely remind the parent/guardian of the policy. Second occurrence of the same player, the coach will report the incident to Athletic Administration. Third occurrence of the same player, the player will be removed from the team.

310. School Suspension

Students who serve an in or out of school suspension will not be allowed to participate in any athletic activities until the day after they complete the suspension. School administration holds the right to hold a student out of athletics after their suspension is completed should they deem it necessary.

Section 4: FACILITIES

400. Purcell Marian Facilities

MAIN GYM/ALUMNI HALL

This facility is used to host basketball and volleyball games. Several sports also practice in this space.

STAUBACH STADIUM

This facility is used to host football and soccer games. Several sports also practice in this space including softball.

TEAM ROOM

This room is located in the basement and is utilized by teams for team meals, study tables, etc.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms are located on the lower level of the athletic side of the school. Locker rooms are designated areas for changing before and after workouts, practices or games. Purcell Marian is not responsible for any lost personal items.

The game day locker room is to only be used on game days. Student-athletes should not leave any valuable belongings in the game day locker room.

WEIGHT ROOM

This facility is utilized by most of our sports at Purcell Marian. Our weight room is equipped with equipment to help our athletes excel in this field (dumbbells, medicine balls, etc.)

401. Facility Supervision

All students must be supervised at all times when using Purcell Marian facilities. At no point in time should a student be on the field/court or in the weight room or team room without a coach or staff member present.

Section 5: SPORTS MEDICINE

500. Cincinnati Children's Partnership

Purcell Marian has partnered with Cincinnati Children's Hospital to provide a certified athletic trainer (ATC) to serve our student-athletes. The athletic trainer will treat injuries incurred while participating in athletics at Purcell Marian. If a student-athlete has a personal illness or an injury outside of athletic participation at Purcell Marian, please consult with your family doctor. Purcell Marian does not provide any supplemental insurance coverage for sports injuries.

501. Sports Safety

The rules of play, safety guidelines, equipment standards, and training room rules are designed to protect student-athletes from injury but cannot guarantee that injuries will not occur. Please acknowledge that student-athletes are required and expected to wear the proper equipment and clothing, obey the rules of their respective sport and utilize the proper techniques as taught. Student athletes should always adhere to their coaches' and athletic trainers' instructions when it comes to physical safety

502. Training Room Rules

1. Student-athletes must sign-in before receiving treatment from the ATC.
2. Student-athletes will be treated based on practice and game times.
3. No food or drink is permitted in the training room.
4. Student-athletes must be fully dressed before entering the training room.
5. Cleats or muddy shoes are not allowed.
6. No loitering or lounging in or outside of the training room.
7. There should be no pictures or videos taken in or outside of the training room.
8. Profanity, abusive or disrespectful language will not be allowed or tolerated.
9. Please ask the trainer for permission to use supplies.
10. Please return any equipment issued to you from the ATC. Student-athletes will be financially responsible for unreturned equipment.

502. Training Room Rules (CONTINUED)

The trainer has the right to ask you to leave the training room if you are in violation of any of these rules or if you are not actively receiving treatment. Violation of these rules or refusal to comply may result in discipline from the athletic department and/or the office of the Dean of Discipline.

503. Concussions

Student-athletes and their families are responsible for honestly reporting all injuries and illnesses to the athletic department and the athletic trainer, including any signs or symptoms of a concussion. These signs and symptoms may include, but are not limited to, headache, dizziness, nausea, visual changes, memory loss, or loss of consciousness.

An athlete who displays signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion, traumatic brain injury, or head injury while participating in a practice or competition must be removed by the athlete's coach, referee, or athletic trainer and not return that day. The athlete must be assessed by a physician (MD or DO) or other licensed healthcare professional, who is in referral from, consultation or collaboration with, or supervised by a physician in order to return to athletic participation.

Purcell Marian Athletic Trainers(s) and Team Physician(s) will have the final decision on all return to play situations involving any form of a head injury, regardless of a Physician's note.

504. Tobacco, Drugs, & Supplements

School Policy Regarding Alcohol/Drug Possession or Usage:

Any student who buys, possesses, is under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs, or in possession of drug paraphernalia including vaping devices at school or at any school function, will be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, exclusion, and/or expulsion from Purcell Marian. Such students are also subject to the following:

- The student will be withheld from school until a meeting takes place with the student's parents/guardians.
- The student may be required to submit to an alcohol or drug evaluation and assessment of the school's choosing. Failure to fully comply with these stipulations can result in expulsion from Purcell Marian.
- School administration will make a recommendation or requirement including but not limited to therapy and/or counseling.

504. Tobacco, Drugs, & Supplements (CONTINUED)

Student athletes taking dietary supplements, other performance-enhancing drugs, or prescription medications should consult with a professional before doing so. There are health risks associated with taking supplements as well as possible OHSAA and NCAA rule violations as the FDA is not authorized to approve dietary supplements.

Section 6: CONDUCT & COMMUNICATION

600. Student-Athlete Sportsmanship

All student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is representative of our school and our community. Any student who portrays actions that are not representative of Purcell Marian including, but not limited to, inappropriate language, fighting, or any unsportsmanlike conduct, are subject to disciplinary action from the athletic department and dean of students if necessary.

Ejection

Student-athletes are subject to the Ejection for Unsporting Conduct rules as set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Any player ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until the student has sat out two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

A student who is ejected or disqualified a second time in a scrimmage, preview, regular season contest or OHSAA tournament contest shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport. A student who has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Executive Director.

The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

Ejection for Unsporting Conduct (Rule 14):

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

601. Spectator Sportsmanship

Profanity, insulting remarks, and other threatening words or acts directed towards officials, student-athletes, coaches, team representatives, or other spectators will not be permitted and will result in removal from the competition site.

FIRST OFFENSE

In the case that a spectator is removed from a contest, they will serve a roughly 25% of the season suspension (i.e. football has 10 games, offenders will be suspended for 3). They will also need to complete a course on Positive Parenting before returning to any home or away contests for that sport.

Course: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/positive-sport-parenting>

SECOND OFFENSE

In the case that a spectator is removed from a contest for a second time in a single season, they will be suspended for the remainder of the season and potentially a 1-year calendar ban from all athletic events.

Any behavior an official or school representative deems to be inappropriate is subject to consequence from the school administration. This includes actions occurring before, during, and after contests, whether in the playing arena, on school property, in parking lots, or at any event-related location.

602. Line of Communication

Below is a list of procedures to follow if there is a concern to discuss with a coach:

1. Your child should speak to the coach about an issue, before you intervene. This will help our student-athletes grow into young adults that can effectively advocate for themselves and practice communication skills.
2. Contact the coach to set up an appointment if the issue was not resolved. If the coach cannot be reached, contact the athletic director. They will assist you in arranging a meeting.
3. If a meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call to schedule an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation. The AD will only intervene if the issue has already been discussed with the coach and the previous steps have been taken.

Please refrain from approaching a coach before or after a game or practice. Meetings of this nature typically do not assist in creating a resolution to the situation. Please allow 24 hours before making contact.

603. Social Media

We ask that all students be mindful of the content they share, like and comment on

as these things reflect them and the school. The athletic department prohibits its student-athletes from displaying inappropriate content or behavior on the internet, including on social media sites.

603. Social Media (CONTINUED)

Inappropriate or prohibited conduct may include, but is not limited to:

- Posting or sharing photos, videos, or comments showing the personal use or condoning the use of tobacco, alcohol, or any drug related activity.
- Posting or sharing photos, videos, or comments that are obscene. This includes posting links to websites that contain such material.
- Using inappropriate or offensive language in comments, videos, or postings, such as threats of violence or derogatory comments pertaining to race or gender, or other violations of school policy.
- Posting derogatory comments about a player, coach or staff member of Purcell Marian or any opposing school.

Students who violate any portion of our social media policy are subject to suspension or removal from athletics.