

Hello Great Hearts Athletics families!

We are excited to announce that we have transitioned to Big Teams as our athletics management platform starting in Fall of 2022! Big Teams will be replacing Varsity News Network (VNN) and Register My Athlete (RMA) as a one-stop solution for athlete registration, scheduling, and overall athletics website. The following information will help walk you through the account creation/registration process so that you can be adequately prepared to register all student-athletes in your household for the upcoming school year:

The attached **Kick Off Letter** walks you through the process of how to create a parent account and a **SEPARATE** student account for all student-athletes in your home. It is required that all athletes have their own account, to which the parent account will be linked to. An email address OR phone number can be used as the username at time of account creation, and whichever is selected will receive notifications specific to the student athlete's participation (notifications about forms that need completed, practice/game schedules, cancellations, etc.). The two-account authentication process not only helps us comply with COPPA, but it also serves as an opportunity for the parent and athlete(s) to take ownership over their participation in sports. A quick account creation and completion of the pre-participation forms registers your athlete for the entire year, as opposed to having to re-register or re-certify your athlete every season.

The attached **Big Teams Parent & Student Getting Started Guide** the process for completing pre-participation forms AFTER parent and student accounts have been created. Please follow the step-by-step instructions, as this document will help you input emergency contacts, link accounts, select the sports each student-athlete will be participating in, and complete and sign all digital forms.

As part of a re-branding initiative for all Great Hearts Athletics, we have secured new domain names for all athletics websites. The new website will be greatheartsglendaleathletics.org. Please keep in mind we are still in the process of adding content to the new sites and polishing them up to make them aesthetically pleasing.

Thank you for your patience and for helping to embrace a new platform that we fully believe will make life easier not only for our athletic communities, but also for our Athletic Directors and administrators who work hard to organize all that is athletics at Great Hearts. While we are excited about the launch of Big Teams, we also recognize there are multiple changes in process for our end users (parents and families). With that being said, if you have any questions or concerns about the registration process or the Big Teams platform in general, please reach out to your school's Athletic Director who can help point you in the right direction for clarity or additional resources. We appreciate all the families and communities that make Great Hearts athletics truly special and distinguishable, and we look forward to utilizing Big Teams as a tool to take our athletic programs to the next level!

Sincerely,

Glendale Prep Athletics