2023-24 Nanticoke Area Athletic Registration

The Athletic Department at Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School now hosts their PIAA-required Pre-Participation Athletic Forms online with BigTeams Student Central. This digital platform allows parents/guardians and students in grades 7-12 to complete and access athletic forms via computer, tablet, or mobile phone to participate in fall, winter and spring sports. It also allows the school district to confirm that all required steps have been completed in order for a student-athlete to participate in those sports. It is HIPAA, COPPA and FERPA compliant. A link to the privacy policy is located on the Login page. Paper copies of the required forms will not be accepted, as we need all information on Student Central which allows easier access to emergency contact information and also allows our staff to send important messages to student and parents throughout the school year.

Parents/guardians and student must create separate accounts, using different emails and/or mobile numbers. TIP: The best practice for this is for the parent/guardian to set up their account first then have the student account(s) established and linked to the parent/guardian account. Important: Students must be sure to create accounts using accurate information, including their official name from school registration, date of birth and high school graduation year. Once a parent/guardian or student creates an account, they should continue to use that same account for their entire time participating in athletics at GNA. Please do not create multiple accounts.

Athletic registration for the 2023-24 athletic year will open on May 30. You may register for all three of the sports seasons at this time and physical form may be submitted after June 1. We are requesting that all students who plan to participate in any sports during the school year, whether they be fall, winter and/or spring, register at this time, so the athletic department and coaching staffs can reach out to team members prior to the season. Parents/guardians and students will always have the option to add, subtract or change sports throughout the year by checking or unchecking the sports in their account profile.

**SPORTS REGISTRATION**

For assistance at any point in the registration, click “SELF HELP” on the right of the screen for walkthroughs of the account creation, account linking, and athletic forms functionality.

**STEP 1**. Go to <https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/> and once on the Login page, click on “Sign Up to Create New Account” - OR - with a smartphone, follow the Quick Account Instructions below. It is recommended to set up your accounts and complete the forms using a desktop or laptop, but a mobile device may be used. Note: if students are under 13, and they create an account, they must know their parent/guardian’s email address or mobile phone number. (COPPA COMPLIANCE)

● Choose the type of account you wish to create.

● Complete the requested information.

● When choosing your school, begin typing “Greater Nanticoke Area” into the box to bring up the GNA School District.

**STEP 2**. Link the parent/guardian account to the student(s) account. You will be led through this process after creating an account. If you do not link accounts at the time of account creation, you can always click the “LINK ACCOUNT” button at any time to complete or initiate the linking process. Parents/guardians can link to as many student accounts as they wish by repeating the linking invitation process.

**STEP 3**. Complete Athletic Forms as Advised. Students with accounts may begin completing digital forms immediately. Parents must be linked to a student account to see the electronic version of the forms. If they are not linked, they will only see example PDF versions of the forms. You can complete forms or see their status at any time by clicking on the “ATHLETIC FORMS” button.

For additional help please refer to the one-page help-guide below, access the complete online forms tips located in the light green bar at the top of the Athletic Forms page in your account or use the green self-help button located on the top of your screen.

Parents/guardians and students are required to sign or initial all sections of the forms as required by the PIAA. Athletes cannot participate in sports until digital forms are complete and approved unless otherwise specified by your school. Forms will be valid for the entire school year for which they are filled out, including the physical exam provided by a physician. Once an athlete’s forms are completed for their initial sport of the year, subsequent registrations will follow the re-certification process which will become available for the winter and spring seasons.

Completing and having your Pre-Participation Registration Forms accepted by your school does NOT guarantee you have made the team.

If you need assistance with BigTeams or need more information, please consult the help documents found here [https://bigteams.force.com/support/s/](https://bigteams.force.com/support/s/%20) or email schoolsupport@planeths.com.

**SPORTS PHYSICALS**

PIAA regulations require that all student-athletes of the Greater Nanticoke Area SD receive a physical examination prior to their participation in interscholastic athletics.  **This physical must be performed and dated no earlier than June 1st and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, only until May 31st of that same school year.  For this school year, those valid dates are June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024.**Failure to turn in paperwork prior to the start of tryouts for your sport will result in a loss of participation for the upcoming season (until all necessary paperwork is received, and at the discretion of the coach/athletic department).

Our sports medicine partner, Geisinger Orthopedics, will provide a free physical exam for those athletes who would like one.  It will take place at Geisinger Orthopedics Clinic (1175 East Mountain Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre) on Saturday, June x from 9:30 to 10:00 AM.  Athletes wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must be registered on Student Central prior to the exam.

This exam may also be obtained from a doctor of your choice or as an alternative, some urgent care facilities perform athletic physical exams.  Section 5 (Health History) and Section 6 (blank Physical Form) must be printed out in order to have a physician complete and sign the Section 6 form. When all forms are completed and submitted online, click on the “Print Version Here” link that is found at the top of the Section 5 form. This will print both forms which may then be taken to the physical exam. The Section 6 form can also be downloaded at the bottom of this page or it can be picked up at the high school athletic office.  Following the exam, the completed Section 6 form must be submitted to the Athletic Department, which can be done by uploading it directly within this registration or dropping it off at the athletic office.

Anyone attending physical exams at the Geisinger Orthopedics site must bring these forms with them or they will not receive an exam.

REMINDER: ATHLETIC PHYSICAL EXAMS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2023. THESE EXAMS ARE THEN VALID FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.

**Quick Account Instructions for account creation via mobile device:**

To link using a mobile device, send a text to 69274 containing S45433 in the message. Once you send the code you will immediately receive a text back with a hyperlink to create your account. (Msg & Data rates may apply. Text HELP to 69274 for more information. Text STOP to 69274 to opt out. Msg & Data rates may apply. The wireless carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. Number of messages vary per user).

**LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION**

[BigTeams Student Central – Create Your Account Help Guide](BigTeams%20Student%20Central%20Parent%20-%20Create%20Your%20Student%20Account%20Help%20Guide.pdf)

[Student Central Registration Login Page](https://studentcentral.bigteams.com/)

[PIAA Section 6 – CIPPE Physicians Certification Form (Physical Form)](CIPPE%20Section%206%202023-24%20Physical%20Form.pdf)

**Sports offered at Nanticoke Area for the 2023-24 school year, their official start dates and grades they are offered include:**

**FALL SPORTS**

*(Season begins on August 7 for varsity football, August 14 for all other sports)*

Football – Grades 7-12

Field Hockey – Grades 7-12

Girls Volleyball – Grades 9-12

Junior High Volleyball (boys and girls) – Grades 7 & 8

Boys Soccer – Grades 9-12

Girls Soccer – Grades 9-12

Junior High Soccer (boys and girls) – Grades 7 & 8

Boys Cross Country – Grades 7-12

Girls Cross Country – Grades 7-12

Golf (boys and girls) – Grades 9-12

Girls Tennis (co-op at Hanover Area) – Grades 9-12

**WINTER SPORTS**

*(Season begins on November 17)*

Boys Basketball – Grades 7-12

Girls Basketball – Grades 7-12

Boys Wrestling – Grades 7-12

Girls Wrestling – Grades 7-12

Boys Swimming – Grades 9-12

Girls Swimming – Grades 9-12

Bowling (boys and girls) – Grades 9-12

**SPRING SPORTS**

*(Season begins on March 4)*

Baseball – Grades 7-12

Softball – Grades 7-12

Boys Track & Field – Grades 7-12

Girls Track & Field – Grades 7-12

Boys Volleyball – Grades 9-12