

KIDS FIRST Athletic Program Owatonna Middle School Spring 2018



Welcome!

KIDS FIRST is supported largely by participant fees, with subsidy from both Community Education and ISD 761's general fund.

Parent/Athlete Meetings

The objective of holding Parent/Athlete meetings is to enhance communication between **KIDS FIRST** athletes, parents and coaches. All aspects of the program will be covered during these meetings. This is a mandatory meeting. Families unable to attend should notify Youth Coordinator in advance.

Coaching staff from each sport will meet with athletes and parents at the conclusion of the general session to cover team rules, expectations, and complete registration materials.

The Spring Parent/Athlete meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 5th **6:30 PM**

Middle School - Small Gym
General Session 7th & 8th Grade

6:45 PM Team Meetings:
Track & Field
Golf
Baseball

**Any girl interested in softball
should tryout with the high
school team.**

Registration Starts
Thursday, February 1st

Registration Deadline
Friday, March 23rd

Practice Begins
Monday, April 2nd

REGISTRATION ONLINE

Registration is on line at
<http://owatonna.feepay.com/>.
**You will need your student's
school ID number to register.**
Those that need help, please contact Sean—444-7923 or
shughes@owatonna.k12.mn.us.

Fees & Scholarships

Participation fees will be
\$100.

Families with an approved application for school meal benefits are eligible for 2 scholarships (Owatonna Youth Scholarship Foundation-\$35 and Owatonna Community Education-\$25). Automatic applied online during registration.

Families enrolled in UCare or South Country Health Alliance health plans may be eligible for a \$15.00 scholarship. For more information or questions about this scholarship, please call Community Education at 444-7900.

Items of Special Note

1. All programs will run Monday through Friday.
2. Practices run 2:45—5:00p.m. immediately following the dismissal of classes at OMS. Parents will need to pick up promptly at completion of practice.
3. Game schedule can be found at www.big9.org.
4. The Community Education website www.owatonnacommunityed.org has a **KIDS FIRST** page that will host all daily information regarding the spring program.

Participation

For the school year 2017-18 the program is still only available for 7th and 8th graders. All athletes participating in **KIDS FIRST** athletic programs will have equal opportunities participating in practices and games. There are no tryouts. Athletes may be separated by abilities in practice and game situations. This will help coaches to enhance instruction at more acceptable rates of progression. The exception to equal opportunities may be due to disciplinary reasons.

Sports Physicals

All students participating in the **KIDS FIRST** athletic programs will need to have a MSHSL sports physical on file. **The physical needs to be on file with the school district before student is allowed to register on-line.**

Cancellations & Information

Websites
www.owatonnacommunityed.org
or www.big9.org

Listen to local radio stations:
KOWZ & KRFO

Owatonna Community Education
444-7900

OMS Main Office
444-8700

Questions on **KIDS FIRST?**
Contact
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