

## Guidelines for Parish Member

1. The Our Lady of Lourdes Athletic program will **only** be opened to parish members when a team is unable to fill a full team of day school or GRACE system students. Thirty days prior to practice starting, a full team is defined as:
  - a. Soccer- 16
  - b. Volleyball- 8
  - c. Basketball- 8
  - d. Track-10
2. To create a full team, the Athletic Director will invite day school students, parish members. Parish members will be invited no less than 30 days prior to the first practice.
3. Parish members will be eligible to play on an Our Lady of Lourdes athletic team only if the student athlete is a regular attendee of the day school or religious education program.
4. Parish communication (email, bulletin, newsletter, and website) will be the initial communication to locate additional players.
5. Parish members will complete an application to indicate their interest in joining an Our Lady of Lourdes school team. Priority will be given to students who are attending members of the religious education program, do not play on a school team, and have played on the team previously.
6. Participants will be randomly selected from the pool of qualified applicants to field a full team. A deadline will be set for interested students to submit their application two weeks prior to the first practice.
7. Coaches will be informed when parish members have been selected for the team.
8. The Athletic Director, working in consultation with the committee is empowered to exercise discretion when allowing parish members to join the team.
9. All parish members joining the team will be expected to conduct themselves as an individual and team that fosters good sportsmanship in a Christian manner.
10. All athletes regardless of school are expected to maintain their grades and behavior according to the Student Athlete Expectations outlined in the Athletic Handbook. All families will need to sign a release allowing the Athletic Director access to grades and behavior information from the student's home school.
11. **All athletes, regardless of school, will receive the same amount of coaching and playing time, per the athletic handbook.**
12. All parish members who participate in Our Lady of Lourdes athletics will be expected to complete all forms, pay all fees, and follow the parent/guardian athletic expectations, including athletic volunteer hours.