

# **KIDS FIRST Athletic Program Owatonna Junior High School FALL 2017**



## **Welcome!**

With the upcoming school year, the **KIDS FIRST** Athletic program gets underway with its fall season. **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 Sean Hughes 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 Fall Parent/Athlete meeting schedule is as follows:

### **Monday, August 21st** **7:00 PM**

High School—Auditorium  
General Session 7th & 8th Grade

### **7:15 PM Team Meetings:**

8th Gr Football  
7th Gr Football  
8th Gr Volleyball  
7th Gr Volleyball  
7/8 Gr Boys Cross Country

Questions on **KIDS FIRST?**

### **Contact**

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Youth Coordinator

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## **REGISTRATION ONLINE**

Registration will be on line again this year starting July 25th at <http://owatonna.feepay.com>. If you need help with online registration please contact Sean Hughes at 444-7923.

Registration deadline:

Football is Thursday, August 31st

Volleyball and Boys Cross Country is Friday, September 1st.

## **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)

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 for seven-weeks.
2. Practices will begin on Monday August 21st for football & Monday August 28th for others.
3. Practices run 2:45—5:00p.m. immediately following the dismissal of classes at OJHS. Parents will need to pick up at that site at completion of practice.
4. Where possible, a minimum of seven competitions have been scheduled for each sport. Game schedule can be found at [www.big9.org](http://www.big9.org).
5. The Community Education website has a **KIDS FIRST** page that will host all current information regarding the fall program. [www.owatonnacommunityed.org](http://www.owatonnacommunityed.org)

## **Participation**

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.

## **Physical Dates**

Mayo Clinic Health System in Owatonna is offering their services to our athletes for free sports physicals.

Girls – Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6-7pm

Boys – Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6-7pm

## **Cancellations & Information**

Websites

[www.owatonnacommunityed.org](http://www.owatonnacommunityed.org)

or [www.big9.org](http://www.big9.org)

Listen to local radio stations:  
**KOWZ & KRFO**

Owatonna Community Education  
444-7900

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