

Queen of Peace School Athletic Association FAQs

What grade do my kids begin Queen of Peace Sports?

QP sports start in 5th grade. QP offers girls' volleyball and boys' touch football in the fall, girls' and boys' basketball in the winter and track, and boys' volleyball in the spring.

Prior to 5th grade, children often have opportunities to play on teams with other QP kids, via MAYSA soccer, YMCA Basketball and football, and community T-ball and coach pitch leagues. Information is often available in the kiosk outside the school office.

What is MAISL?

MAISL is the Madison Area Independent Sports League, which administers volleyball, football, basketball, and softball leagues. QP is a member of MAISL along with Abundant Life Christian, Blessed Sacrament, Edgewood Campus, High Point Christian, Immaculate Heart, Sacred Hearts, Saint Dennis, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint James, Saint John (5th and 6th grade), and Saint Maria Goretti. For more information on MAISL, visit www.maislathletics.org.

How much does it cost to play QP sports?

The cost of participation is determined by the Athletic Association and the fees charged by MAISL. They are subject to change. The fees for 2012-13 are expected to be \$35 for football, \$50 for volleyball, \$75 for basketball, and \$10 for track. If payment of the participation fee presents a financial hardship, you may apply for a waiver with the principal.

How do I register my kids for QP sports?

You will receive a fall sports sign-up form in your school registration packet, and you can sign up your child for volleyball and football at that time. You will receive a form for basketball registration in September. Sign-up for track and boys' volleyball occurs in late winter.

Do kids need medical clearance to play?

Each student-athlete must have an up-to-date medical/parent consent card on file in the school (please note this is a two-sided form). Your child's physical is valid for two years. These cards are available in the Athletic Association section on the school website.

Who coaches the teams?

Parent volunteers coach QP teams, subject to approval from the Athletic Association and the school principal.

Do coaches need experience?

An understanding of the skills and strategies of the game is helpful, but coaching experience is not necessary. All coaches must go through VIRTUS training to coach a team at QP. Visit virtusonline.org for information on VIRTUS training.

How are teams determined?

Teams will be composed of students in the same grade when possible. If a team has a significant number of athletes, the team may be split into two or even three teams. A skills session may be held in order to split the teams equally and fairly in terms of athletic ability. The coaches from the two teams will split up the players, and each coach must sign off on the other team's roster. The rosters are subject to approval from the school principal.

How is playing time allocated for QP sports?

Our goal is that each student athlete makes a meaningful contribution to his or her team. For 8th grade, players who regularly attend practices and actively participate in practices are to play a minimum one-fourth of the total playing time in each athletic contest, including tournament games. 7th Grade is one-third participation minimum while 5th & 6th Grade is ½ or equal participation minimum. Participation is measured by each game and not averaged throughout the season.

Where will my child play his or her games?

Volleyball and basketball games are played at MAISL schools (see Queen of Peace or MAISL websites for directions to venues). Football games are played at Vilas Park and track meets occur at area high schools.

What is the time commitment for a QP sport?

Volleyball and basketball teams typically practice twice a week for 90 minutes each. Games are played on the weekend. The seasons conclude with an end-of-season tournament. The football teams often practice before their games, which typically occur on weekdays. Track practices twice a week with meets held on weekdays or weekends.

Does my child have to attend every practice?

In fairness to the coaches and other players, your child should be committed to make every practice and game. However, the coaches and the Athletic Association understand that conflicts occur and these situations will be addressed on an individual basis with the athlete and his or her parents. In these situations it is important to have open channels of communication between the athlete, his or her parents and the coach.

What am I expected to do as a parent of a QP athlete?

Before each school year, parents of QP athletes must read and sign a Parental Code of Conduct. Beyond that, parent responsibilities include having their child to practices and games at the time designated by the coach and work at least one shift at the QP

concessions stand. Further details on parent expectations are presented in the QP Athletic Handbook.

Can my child play tri-county basketball or club volleyball while playing a QP sport?

The coaches will try to work with the athlete so that they can play other sports while participating in QP sports. In these situations it is of the utmost importance to have open channels of communication between the athlete, his or her parents and the coach.

Are games and/or practices cancelled due to the weather?

Yes. If school is closed because of bad weather, there are no practices or games that day. For weekend games, please refer to the MAISL website for game cancellations. However, please use your best judgment when traveling in dangerous weather. Your child will not be penalized for missing a practice or game due to hazardous weather conditions.

What do I do if I have a concern about my child's team?

If you have a concern about your child's team, we strongly recommend you first discuss the issue with the head coach. This is typically the most efficient and effective way to remedy the situation. At times, the coach may take 24 hours before discussing a matter with you, a window the Athletic Association put in place so everyone has time to process information and understand situations fully.

What do I do if I don't feel comfortable talking to the coach or the coach has not addressed my concern after I talked to him or her?

If the issue is unresolved following your conversation with the coach or you are uncomfortable talking with the coach, please feel free to contact the parent liaison. The parent liaison serves on the Athletic Association and provides an outlet for concerns or questions involving your child's team. Also, if necessary, we will intervene on any grievances or complaints you may have. The parent liaison's contact information is listed on the Athletic Association section of the Queen of Peace website.