



PHS Winter Sports 2026-27



Orange Card “Permit to Tryout & Participate” cards will be issued for the winter season starting Thursday October 15th. Monday through Friday 8:00am–4:00pm at Cindy Smith’s desk in the front office. **You must have an orange card to start tryouts.**

To receive an **Orange Card**

1. Complete the online registration through A Better Way at [psd-athletics-registration](https://psd-athletics-registration.com). The instructions are at the bottom of this bulletin.
2. Bring a paper copy of your current physical/or upload it when you are registering
3. **Make sure the top is fully filled out, and it is signed by a parent/guardian and athlete at the bottom of the page.**
4. Payment on www.schoolpay.com (there will be a credit card fee) or pay the cashier at Poudre.
5. Check in or email Cindy Smith so she can check your grades and classes.

ALL 5 Steps are required to receive an Orange Card. You will not be allowed to try out or participate if all 5 steps are not completed.

Winter Online Registration “A Better Way” opens October 15th.
Please do not wait until the last minute to complete the 5 steps above.

Athletic Participation Fee

PHS Students

\$220.00 per sport no family max

Charter/ Home or Private School Students

\$320.00 per sport no family max

If a student athlete is not offered a spot on a team, the athletic fee will be reimbursed in full. Students who meet federal guidelines for the free or reduced lunch program will have the participation fee waived; you will still have to go through the payment process online.

Eligibility

Eligibility will be checked at the beginning of each season. Eligibility is determined based on previous semester grades earned. Athletes identified as failing two or more classes during the previous semester will be ineligible for sports until the regain date. All sports have different regain dates.

PHS checks athletic eligibility on a weekly basis. Athletes identified as failing two or more classes will be declared ineligible and will lose one week of eligibility, beginning on the following Monday through Saturday.

For any questions with regards to eligibility, contact Cindy Smith cindys@psdschools.org

Communication

You can check for sport schedules and updates at arbiterlive.com and select Poudre.

Follow us on Instagram: @poudrehs_athletics

We use social media for many updates and celebrations so please follow us!

Boys Wrestling

Coach Barrett Golyer 488-6047, C: 970-217-8425 bgolyer@psdschools.org

- **Mandatory Parent Meetings (and 1st year Poudre wrestlers)**
October 20th OR October 27th (choose one) 6:00-7:00pm PHS Events Center
- Preseason Open Mats: Thursday & Friday 4:30–6:00pm (Happening Now)
- Preseason Weights: Monday and Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm
- First Official Day: November 16th 4:30-6:15pm (MUST have orange card to participate)
- This is a NO cut sport: Blue and Silver Night “Wrestle-Offs” November 25th 6:00pm Main Gym
- Booster Meeting for parent support 10/13/25 at LaPorte Pizza 6:30-7:15pm

Girls Wrestling

Coach Desiree Kendall 970-817-0157 dkendall@psdschools.org

Coach Joshua Beck 970-566-2122 joshuab@psdschools.org

- **Mandatory Parent Meeting October 21st, 6:00–7:30pm PHS Events Center**
- Preseason Open Mats: Thursdays & Fridays 4:30–6:00pm (Happening Now)
- Preseason Camp: November 9th–13th, 4:45–6:45pm
- First Official Day: November 16th 6:00–8:00 pm
- Parent/family meeting: November 13th 5:30-7:00pm in the Wrestling Gym Dinner provided
- No experience required! Come try out an amazing sport! Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions

Boys Basketball

Coach Jeff Brubaker jebrubak@psdschools.org

- Preseason open gym: October 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th,
 - Contact Coach Brubaker for times and location
- Team Camp:
 - November 2nd-4th 4:30-6:30pm
 - November 9th-12th 6:30 -8:30pm
- Tryouts: November 16th-18th 4:30-6:30pm
- **Parent Meeting: November 19th 5:45-6:30pm in room 414**
- First Official Day: November 16th
- Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Girls Basketball

Coach Jeff Schelly jschelly@psdschools.org

- Preseason open gym: October 1st, 7th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 28th
 - Contact Coach Schelly for times and location
- Team Camp:
 - November 2nd-5th 6:30-8:30pm
 - November 9th-12th 4:30-6:30pm
- Tryouts: November 16th-18th 6:30-8:30pm
- **Parent Meeting: November 19th 5:30-6:30pm in the Event Center**
- First Official Day: November 16th.
- Anyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.
Please send Coach Schelly an email to be added to our TeamSnap.

Nordic Skiing

Coach: Sarah Fonte sfonte@psdschools.org

- **Parent Meeting: November 10th 6:30-7:30pm Event Center Poudre HS**
- First preseason optional practice: October 6th at 5:15-6:45pm at Poudre High School
- Preseason: Tuesdays & Thursdays through November 12th Email Coach Fonte for locations.
- First Official Practice: November 16th 5:00-7:00pm
- We encourage any skier who is NOT already participating in a Fall sport to join us for preseason conditioning and fun.
- New to the team, or just curious? You can still participate and learn more about Nordic and our team.

Please email Coach Sarah Fonte if you are planning to participate, even if it is just for some of the preseason dates. You will need to complete the pre-season waiver before attending your first preseason practice.

For more questions, please email Sarah Fonte sarahcfonte@gmail.com

Girls Swimming

Coach: TBA

- **Parent Meeting: TBA**
- First Official Day: November 9th

Girls Dive-Housed at Wellington Middle-High School

Coach: Luke Richmond lrichmond@psdschools.org

- First Official Day: November 9th

Ice Hockey-Housed at Fort Collins High School

Coach: Riley Nelson riley@psdschools.org

You will still complete all your steps at Poudre High School

- First Official Day: November 9th

More hockey information <https://fch.psdschools.org/hockey>

Unified Basketball

Coach: Wendi Miller 970-488-6204 wendim@psdschools.org

- Partner Meeting: December 14th 4:15pm in room 318
- Start Date: January 7th

Have your registration for your orange card **before** Winter Break
Juniors and Seniors only as Partners

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2026-27 Winter Sports Registration

Instructions

Registration will open October 15, 2026 for the 2026-27 Winter Athletics Season!

Please Note: At this time, only Winter sports are available for registration. Spring sports will be added to the system later in the school year.

New for 2026–2027: A Better Way

Poudre School District is excited to introduce **A Better Way**, our new online athletics registration platform.

As in previous years, **all student-athletes must complete the following before participating in athletics:**

- Complete online registration
- Pay the athletic participation fee (links to schoolpay embedded in registration platform)
- Submit a current, valid sports physical (You can now upload physicals directly into the platform!!)

Step 1: Complete Online Registration

- Visit **the registration link:**
- **psd-athletics-registration**

Before You Begin

- Create a parent/guardian account.
- This account will allow you to complete registration for your student athlete.
- You may exit the registration process at any time and return later—your progress will automatically be saved.

Registration Time

Please allow approximately **30–40 minutes** to complete registration.

Required Parent Videos

Parents/guardians are required to watch several short informational videos during registration.

- Total viewing time is approximately **7 minutes**.
- Videos may be watched at a faster playback speed if desired.

Add Family Members

Use the "**Add Relationship**" feature to include additional family members (parent, stepparent, grandparent, guardian, etc.).

We encourage adding anyone who should receive important team and athletic communications throughout the season.

Required Student Videos

Each student-athlete must also complete four short educational videos.

- Total viewing time is approximately **15–20 minutes**.
- Students registering for multiple sports only need to complete these videos **once per school year**.
- If registering multiple children, **each student** must complete the videos individually.

Step 2: Pay the Athletic Fee

Athletic participation fees are **\$220 per sport**. (\$330 for non-PSD students) Payment can be made by:

- Using the School Pay link within the **A Better Way** registration system • Visiting **School Pay** directly:

<https://psdschools.schoolpay.com/>

- **Fee Item Title-!** HS: District Participation Fee-Fall 2026-2027
- **Note: Certain sports require additional team fees. To locate your payment item, search:**

■ **PHS [Sport Name] Supplemental Program Participation Fee**

- If a parent or guardian would like to pay via cash/check, please read the **NEW guidelines on Fees and Waivers** set by Poudre School District. LaPorte Avenue

Step 3: Submit/Upload a Current Sports Physical

A valid CHSAA sports physical is required before a student-athlete may participate in practices or competitions.

Physical Requirements

- Physicals are valid for **one calendar year** from the date of the exam.
- A CHSAA Approved Physical Form is required (make sure you select the High School Form)
- Only **Page 4** of the Physical Form needs to be submitted.

Families may:

- Upload Pages 4 directly through **A Better Way**, or
- Turn in a paper copy to the Poudre Athletics Office.

Please make sure that the top of page 4 is fully filled out on the top with all the information and the bottom is signed by **BOTH** parent and student. We cannot accept the form Unless it is completely filled out.

All physicals will be reviewed and approved by the Athletics Department before a student athlete is cleared for participation. Please check in with Mrs. Smith to make sure that you are clear to receive your orange card.

Once ALL 3 Steps have been completed, your student will receive an ORANGE CARD given by the Athletics Office to turn into their coach on the First Official Day of Practice and are cleared to participate.