

## **AES APPROVAL PROCESS**

**AES Student-Athletes will need to be approved for participation by TKA Athletic Department and GAPPS (MS) or GIAA (HS) prior to tryouts. For sports that do not have tryouts, AES Student-Athletes must be approved prior to registering for a sport.**

### **PART 1 - TKA AES APPLICATION FOR ALL AES ATHLETES**

Each academic year, AES (homeschooled) athletes interested in participating in TKA Athletics will need to complete the following:

1. Fill out the AES Interest contact form found on the TKA Athletic Forms website
2. When we receive the interest form, the Athletic Department will email a link for the parent and student athlete to complete the TKA AES Application. Cost \$40/athlete.
3. If the student's application is approved, they will need to go through the steps below.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL – GAPPS**

#### **PART 2**

**GAPPS approval is required before an athlete can participate in tryouts, practices and meets.** GAPPS will charge you a \$50 fee per student each year. If your student's eligibility is denied for any reason, your fee will be refunded by GAPPS.

1. Begin by going to the GAPPS AES Application Parent Portal <https://aes.gappsports.com/>
2. Download and read through the Parent Handbook and Application Instructions
3. Follow directions on the Application Instructions to create an account, add your students who will be participating in sports with TKA Athletics as a homeschooled student, and upload your documentation. If you have other children who plan to play a winter or spring sport with us, we recommend that you go ahead and submit paperwork for all of your children now. Make a note of your login id and password since you will need to access this site each year.
4. Please email Victoria Matteson [vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org](mailto:vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org) to let me know that you have completed the application so that I can monitor the approval process for your student.

#### **PART 3**

Once the athlete has been approved by GAPPS, submit the following forms via email to [rredd@thekingsacademy.org](mailto:rredd@thekingsacademy.org)

1. Copy of Birth Certificate (new athletes only)
2. GAPPS Pre-participation Physical form
3. Middle School Affidavit of Eligibility (new MS athletes only)
4. GAPPS Concussion Acknowledgement Form (new MS athletes only)
5. GAPPS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form (new MS athletes only)

## HIGH SCHOOL – GIAA

### PART 2

**GIAA approval is required before an athlete can participate in tryouts or register for a sport.**

Submit the following forms via email to [rredd@thekingsacademy.org](mailto:rredd@thekingsacademy.org)

1. Copy of Birth Certificate (new athletes only)
2. GIAA Pre-participation Physical form
3. GIAA Student/Parent Concussion Awareness form (once per academic year)
4. GIAA Student/Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form (once per academic year)
5. GIAA Heat Policy Awareness Form (once per academic year)
6. High School Affidavit of Eligibility (new HS athletes only)
7. HS AES ONLY: Transcript of all courses taken since 9<sup>th</sup> grade
8. HS AES ONLY: GIAA AES Student-Athlete Information Form
9. HS AES ONLY: Georgia Declaration of Intent to Homeschool form (must have electronic signature dated no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year)
10. HS AES SENIORS ONLY: Senior Exit Form
11. HS AES ONLY: Provide proof of completing a standardized test at the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

### **PART 3 – ENROLL IN TKA CLASS (ALL SPORTS EXCEPT FOR BAND, CHEER, MASCOT & STUDENT TRAINER TEAMS)**

1. HS AES Athletes are required by GIAA to enroll in one class at TKA during the semester of participation. Class options are:
  - a. Weightlifting – two mornings a week at Hopewell Baptist Church, 78 Ridge Rd, Canton
  - b. Choir or Concert Band – when there are openings in the class.

Choir meets Thursday afternoons. If interested, contact Anna Walter [awalter@thekingsacademy.org](mailto:awalter@thekingsacademy.org) to inquire about availability.

Concert Band meets Thursday mornings. If interested, contact Lisa Adams [ladams@thekingsacademy.org](mailto:ladams@thekingsacademy.org) to inquire about availability.

2. Class cost is \$250 per semester.
3. Contact the TKA Athletic Department to enroll: [vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org](mailto:vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org)