



GCA MEDIA CREDENTIAL GUIDELINES

Media Credentialing

Credentials are issued to working media members who regularly cover high school athletics, following established policies. Requests must be submitted through the online credentialing system before the deadline.

Credential Application Procedures

- Credentials must be requested by the sports editor/director/reporter of the media outlet.
- Freelancers must apply through the outlet they represent.
- Media outlets are responsible for the conduct and compliance of their representatives.
- GCA reserves the right to limit credentials when space is restricted.
- Unauthorized use or violation of policies may result in credential revocation and future restrictions.

General Credential Policies

- Credentials are prioritized for established outlets that regularly cover Gray Athletics.
- Distribution priorities: daily newspapers, statewide media, team-specific outlets, regional media, and others.
- Credentials are not issued to message boards, recruiting publications, or those under 18 (except approved student media).
- Media must act professionally; cheering or disruptive behavior is prohibited and may result in removal.

By accepting credentials, media representatives agree to abide by all terms and conditions set by Gray Collegiate Academy. Credentials may be revoked at any time for inappropriate use or behavior.

SCHOOL MEDIA

To support archival efforts and journalism education, schools can request media passes through the online system.

- **Faculty/Staff Photographers:** Each team may designate one faculty/staff member for photography.
- **Student Media:** Student representatives may apply for credentials with school verification of curriculum relevance. Approved student photographers follow the same restrictions as faculty/staff.
- **Access Guidelines:**
 - Student media (non-photography) will be seated with other media for their school's games.
 - Photographer access mirrors other media outlets, with restrictions on courtside press row access.

Media passes are exclusively for individuals connected to participating teams.

Approval Process

Approved applicants will be notified via email 24 hours before the event. Upon arrival, media representatives must check in with a GCA staff member, who will verify their approval and issue the credential. Credentials are valid only for the specified game on the approved date.

Online Link

[GCA Media Credential Application 2025-2026 - Google Forms](https://forms.gle/zhAoYaEv8nDfXQN77)

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