

Gloucester Fishermen Athletic Association

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GFAA Board
of Directors:

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David R. Amero
GFAA President

Dear Friends of Gloucester Athletics

Linda Rogers
Vice President

We hope you were able to attend the opening celebration of the New Balance Track & Field at Newell Stadium. This project was a huge success because of the close collaboration of Gloucester's citizens, businesses, foundations, and both city and state governments.

Timothy Philpott
Treasurer

Ellen Preston
Clerk

Now that we have a beautiful state-of-the-art stadium, the GFAA is refocusing its energy on its core mission: *"that all student-athletes of the Gloucester school system should be able to participate in the sport of their choice, regardless of financial circumstances..."*, and *"that the student-athlete should be able to play on safe and well-maintained facilities."*

Pamela Ashe

Roger Corbin

Gerry Hart

We are grateful that the athletic participation fee has been reduced from \$380 to \$230 per sport. Nevertheless, the GFAA feels that the fee can be brought down even lower, and wants to ensure that the fee never goes back to its high mark of \$380.

Clare MacDonald

Kristin Michel

Robert Parsons

Known for its strong athletic program on the field, court and hockey rink, Gloucester needs to sustain full participation in all sports. With the lower fee starting this past spring, the boys and girls lacrosse numbers increased by 15%. And, this current fall saw a 9% rise in participation in all sports across the board.

Jay Somers

June Steel

Richard Wilson

We know that athletics plays an important role in a child's life by building confidence through commitment, discipline, responsibility, teamwork and leadership - all of which is carried back to the classroom, as well as forward to future life choices.

Jonathan Pope
President Emeritus

We are writing today to ask for your help to continue GFAA's mission in ensuring that all Gloucester student-athletes can participate in the sport of their choice, and that the school fields will be well-maintained.

Thank you from all of us,

David R. Amero
President