



Head Varsity Wrestling Coach

Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Position Start: Fall 2026

Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School is seeking a dynamic, professional, and mission-driven individual to serve as the Head Varsity Wrestling Coach. This is an opportunity to lead one of the premier programs in the state while continuing a proud tradition of excellence both on and off the mat.

Position Overview

The Head Varsity Wrestling Coach is responsible for leading and developing a highly competitive, faith-centered program that emphasizes excellence in athletics, academics, and character. The ideal candidate is, first and foremost, a strong leader for our young men—someone who establishes high standards, demands accountability, and consistently inspires student-athletes to reach their full potential.

This individual must be capable of making sound decisions both on and off the mat while fostering a disciplined, team-first culture. Grand Rapids Catholic Central's wrestling program has produced numerous state champions and All-State wrestlers over the past 15 years, and we are seeking a coach who can both sustain and elevate that level of success.

This position is for someone who can build and maintain a strong program while developing individual talent. The coach will foster spiritual growth, promote academic achievement, and guide student-athletes in becoming disciplined, responsible, and faith-filled young men.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide leadership, vision, and direction for the entire wrestling program (varsity and sub-varsity levels)
- Develop and implement a comprehensive training program focused on technique, conditioning, and competitive success
- Establish and maintain a positive, disciplined, and championship-level team culture
- Serve as a role model of integrity, toughness, sportsmanship, and professionalism

- Support and promote the mission and Catholic identity of Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School
- Foster spiritual development and incorporate faith-based values into the program
- Promote academic success and monitor student-athlete academic progress
- Organize and conduct effective practices, competitions, and off-season training programs
- Supervise, mentor, and evaluate assistant coaches
- Develop long-term program growth, including youth and feeder program alignment
- Build and sustain a structured offseason program, including strength and conditioning, open mats, skill development, and summer training opportunities
- Encourage and guide participation in club wrestling while maintaining alignment with school program standards and values
- Coordinate and implement a comprehensive weight training program in collaboration with strength and conditioning staff
- Plan and lead summer camps, team camps, and individual development opportunities
- Establish, grow, and support a middle school wrestling program to ensure long-term program success
- Develop and engage youth wrestling initiatives, including camps, clinics, and community outreach
- Communicate effectively with student-athletes, parents, administration, and staff
- Ensure compliance with school, conference, and MHSAA rules and regulations
- Manage team operations including scheduling, travel, equipment, uniforms, and budgeting
- Promote the program within the school, alumni base, and broader community
- Encourage multi-sport participation and collaborate with other athletic programs
- Maintain accurate records, match results, statistics, and program history
- Provide a safe, structured, and inclusive environment for all student-athletes

Qualifications

- Previous coaching experience at the high school or collegiate level preferred
- Demonstrated ability to lead, mentor, and develop student-athletes
- Strong knowledge of wrestling techniques, match strategy, and program development
- Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills
- Commitment to the values and mission of Catholic education
- Proven ability to build, sustain, and elevate a competitive program
- CPR/First Aid certification (or willingness to obtain)
- Must meet all MHSAA and school coaching requirements
- Availability for practices, competitions, tournaments, and off-season responsibilities

Preferred Attributes

- Experience coaching or competing at a high level in wrestling

- Track record of developing individual athletes and team success
- Ability to connect with and motivate high school student-athletes
- Strong emphasis on discipline, accountability, and character development
- Willingness to be actively involved in the school community

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, and references to Mike Jacob, Athletic Director at Catholic Central High School - mikejacob@rcatholiccentral.org

Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School is committed to developing the whole person - mind, body, and spirit - and seeks a coach who will embrace and advance that mission through the wrestling program.