

River Grove School Interscholastic Athletics Athlete/Parent Code of Ethics

Preamble:

Participation in athletics is a privilege. Student-athletes earn the privilege to participate by adhering to high standards of personal conduct and ethical behavior. The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and four core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship. Parents play a vital role in the development of student-athletes. It is the duty of all concerned with the River Grove School program to exemplify the highest ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. All are expected to abide by the guideline for behavior described in the following code of ethics.

Athlete's Code:

1. I will place academic achievement as my highest priority.
2. I will embrace the highest ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
3. I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex or abilities.
4. I will respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
5. I will adhere to the rules of the game to be played.
6. I will refrain from the use of language that degrades, baits and intimidates others in person and through social media.
7. I will respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
8. I will refrain from the use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol.
9. I will be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

Parent's Code:

1. I will embrace the highest ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
2. I will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
3. I (and my guests) will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and respect that all practices are closed sessions.
4. If I as a parent have a concern, I will take time to talk with coaches in an appropriate manner including the proper time and place.
5. I will be a "team fan" not a "my child fan".
6. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex or ability.
7. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent (i.e. booing, profane language).

I, the student-athlete, acknowledge that I have read the terms of the Code of Ethics. I agree to conduct myself according to the terms. I also understand and agree that if I choose to violate any terms of the Code of Ethics, my current or future participation in interscholastic athletics at River Grove School may be limited or terminated.

(Athlete's signature)

(Date)

I, the parent of the student-athlete, acknowledge that I have read the terms of the Code of Ethics. I agree to conduct myself according to the terms. I also understand and agree that if I choose to violate any terms of the Code of Ethics, my attendance at future athletic contests is in jeopardy.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Date)

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