

Athletic Eligibility

All Rockford Christian School student-athletes fall under the behavior guidelines explained in the student/parent handbook. They must remember that they represent their team, their school, their family, and God. Participation in sports is a privilege given to students who have demonstrated social and academic responsibility. *Ineligibility* is declared when a teacher(s) reports a student's performance is not meeting the acceptable standards for that class or if a student consistently makes poor behavior choices.

Social Responsibility: The student athlete's social choices and behavior is examined inside and outside the classroom. Standards for behavior are based both on the school's procedures/policies and the teachers' respective procedures and policies.

Team Responsibility: A student athlete who fails to meet the team responsibilities jeopardizes his/her participation in the next sport season.

Academic Performance: The student-athlete's performance on tests and quizzes must be at or above the expected level for the student-athlete. Homework and assignments must be handed in on time and completed at the level that is expected for the student-athlete.

Procedure: At the beginning of each athletic season, teachers will receive a list of the student-athletes. To assure that these student-athletes are performing at their best, the following procedure will be used:

Step One: Probation – If a student athlete is performing “below expectation” (students must be receiving a 71% or higher) in *all* courses. The principal will inform the student that she/he is on probation for the next week. This decision must be made by the teaching team and not just by one teacher. An athletic eligibility sheet must be filled out with specific requirements for the student to be removed from probation. The principal will give this sheet to the student-athlete. The athletic director will contact the parents and the coach of any athlete on probation. If the student has not met the standards of any one of the teachers, the student proceeds to Step Two.

Step Two: Ineligibility – The student athlete will miss one (1) full week of competition and must meet the teachers' standards within that week. The athlete is expected to participate in the practices and attend the game(s) (not in uniform) during this week. If the student has not met the standards, she/he proceeds to Step Three.

*Note of clarification: *Ineligibility* will run from Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. (after the Weds. teacher meeting) to the following Weds. night at 10:00 pm. IF the student-athlete is reinstated by getting her/his grade(s) above 71%, the reinstatement will be effective on Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Step Three: Dismissed from the team – If a student is declared ineligible for a second time in the same season, the athlete will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season.

In-School suspension removes the athlete from the team for one (1) week following the in-school suspension.

Suspension from school automatically dismisses the athlete from the team.