

ROCORI SCHOOLS

Fall Sports Meeting Welcome!



ROCORI Schools

ROCORI Mission:

To be Central Minnesota's Standard of Excellence

- -Academics
- -Activities
- -Character
- -Sportsmanship



Rocori Activity Notes

- Over 75% of ROCORI students participate in at least one activity...Most are in two or three
- ROCORI has a NO-CUT policy
- ROCORI Activities have educational value
- ROCORI has some of the finest facilities in the CLC



MSHSL Stats

Students that participate in activities:

- Say the main reason to be out for sports is to be with friends and have fun
- Gain necessary life skills needed in a job such as teamwork..
- Tend to be better students and are more apt to further their education beyond high school
- Tend to make less destructive decisions and discipline issues

*Students who participate as starter or not have the same tendencies



- Enjoy the journey!
- Very few athletes will become professionals
- Coaches and athletes in professional sports make millions
- Coaches in high school make very little
- Athletes pay to play
- Our kids play because they love the game and want to be part of a team
- Coaches coach because they love the sport and students
- Sports fans today have gotten to be very critical and negative
- We need to be Central Minnesota's standard of excellence in sportsmanship

REALITY in Sports



- Students must not use chemicals-tobacco, drugs or alcohol 2, 6 and 12 contests
- Students must fill out all necessary paperwork-contract, physical (every 3 years), fees
- Students must display good character-Code of Responsibility
- Hazing and Bullying are serious offenses!
- Social Media Responsibility! Posted items or statements.
- Students must maintain a C- or above grade point average
- Students must pass all classes and be on track to graduate
- Students must be in attendance to participate that day-excused absences ok

ROCORI Eligibility Rules



REMEMBER: (no cut policy creates issues)

- ROCORI Varsity Activities play to win
- JV and 10th Grade play to develop and win
- 9th Grade plays to develop and participate
- Middle School plays to participate, experience and develop

Playing Time



- Preparation is key to success
- Follow coaches plan offseason
- Involvement in other activities benefits
- Strength Training is essential-plans for each sport

Activity Preparation



ROCORI Roles

- **Players' roles:** academics, practice, commitment, character, performance-<u>PLAY</u>
- Coaches' roles: character, commitment, planning, leadership, decision making-<u>COACH</u>
- **Parents' roles:** encouragement, support, mentoring, paying bills-FANS CHEERING



Top 20 Good Teammate Guidelines

- #1 job is to help others succeed
- Communicate you matter to others
- Honor the absent
- See the problem, own the problem



Attendance-prompt, attend all practices and games

Attitude-positive, team, prepare, take care of yourself, work hard

Communication-ask questions, communicate issues to coach, display respect

Academics-student responsibilities first

Character-sportsmanship, good teammate, citizen, community member, family

Student Responsibilities



- Attendance-provide schedule, communicate changes
- Attitude-prepared, open, encouraging, school rules, professional, leadership
- Communication-philosophy of program, expectations, schedules, plans, changes, MSHSL policies, team decisions

Coaches Responsibilities



- Attendance-When possible, try to schedule vacations and appointments around practice and events.
- Attitude-Help your student to know and understand expectations, schedule and rules. Encourage your student to embrace team approach while supporting their team role. Be positive, supportive and listen.
- Communication-Notify coaches of schedule conflicts in advance when possible as well as injury and illness updates.

Parent Responsibilities

Player and Coach Meeting

- Player, Parent and Coach Meeting
- Administration (AD) involvement with Coach, Player and Parent
- Administration (AD/Principal or Superintendent) with Coach, Player and Parent

Notes:

- *24 hour cooling off period-No emotion-If this is not followed, you will be contacted by administration and there could be consequences.
- *Playing time or team placement will not be discussed beyond coaches
- *Complaints that are written need to be signed/owned or they are not considered valid. Listen. Action?

Complaint Procedure

- Cancellations or Make up days?
- Make up work-Missing class?
- Communication from Coaches?
- Practice times and places-Shared spaces
- Indoor/Outdoor or Morning Practices?
- Driving?
- Parent Rides?
- Dress and Preparation?
- Illness and Injury?
- Lockers-Take care of personal items-Lock up items!
- Parent assistance for team-lots of jobs

Fall Issues



- Covid plans in place for all activities to keep students safe.
- Coaches have plans/checklists from MSHSL.
- Will take temps and determine if ok to practice-stay home if sick.
- Practice/Play will be JV and V 7-12 for swimming, CC, soccer and tennis.
- Spectators limited outside to 250 or less. Family members only? Social distanced.
- No spectators inside.
- Limited locker room use. Go home to change when possible.
- Bus limitations of 50% or less-about 35
- Pod sizes for all activities. Limit team sizes in a space.
- Social distancing and mask use in tight areas, transition and on the bench.
- New schedule includes conference play only. Playoffs TBD.
- Most games on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Could have shutdown if sick players.
- No middle school only contests. Just practice and intra-squad scrimmages.
- FB and VB will have practice seasons from 9-14 to 10-3.
- Spring sports will have practice seasons from 10-5 to 10-24.

Covid Issues



Ending Thoughts

- Activities are an important part of education-very affordable
- ROCORI is passionate about activities
- ROCORI is a great place to be a student-Great community!
- Mission Statement: Central Minnesota's Standard of Excellence
- Challenge-Support our programs, coaches and students
- Parent support is essential to operate many programs!



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REMEMBER: Activity start dates-paperwork completiononline on website.

Questions????