

Athlete Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship

Coaches are responsible to know the athlete code of conduct and to hold athletes accountable to the rules, regulations and procedures within.

Eligibility for Athletes

Overview:

The athletic and activities program of Rogue River Junior/Senior High School is designed for the total growth of the student. It is an extension of the classroom and an important part of the total educational program. However, athletes/activities participants are students first. Furthermore, it is a privilege to participate, and as such, one accepts certain obligations and responsibilities beyond those of other students. This code is in effect from the first day the student signs it for his or her first sport until the last day of the OSAA sports calendar year of the student's graduation year. Implementation of the code may be appealed under the due process rights. All athletes/activities participants and parents will be notified and sign for any changes made to the code of conduct annually.

Academic Eligibility

Athletics and activities eligibility rules reinforce students' academic success while participating in an athletic/ activities program. Rogue River Jr/Sr High School is a member of (OSAA) Oregon Schools Activities Association and uses the academic eligibility policies and procedures of OSAA as the foundation upon which No Pass/No Play rules are defined.

OSAA and RRJSHS Academics Eligibility:

An eligible student must be enrolled full time (5 or more classes) and making satisfactory progress as defined by OSAA rules*. An athlete or activities participant must meet all eligibility requirements of the Rogue River School District and the Oregon Schools Activities Association. Students who are enrolled in community college, university, and/or internships will need to meet with the athletic and/or activities director to determine if they are taking enough courses to be eligible to participate.

* Full Time requirements for homeschooled students, students attending SVA, REACH, or other on-line charter schools are determined by the Athletic Director or Activities Director and/or their designee.

Progression to Graduation:

Students must have accumulated a minimum number of credits at the conclusion of their freshman, sophomore and junior years in order to participate in athletics/ activities. Individuals not meeting these minimum standards will not be eligible to participate for the entire school year immediately following unless credits are made up through summer school or credit retrieval prior to the first official day of the school year.

Prior to:	Credits Accumulated
Sophomore	4.5
Junior	10.0
Senior	17.0

Quarterly Eligibility Standards OSAA and RRSD:

Per OSSA: Athletes and activities participants must achieve passing grades in 5 of the 7 classes to remain eligible for the following quarter. As soon as grades are written to the official transcript, athletic eligibility is established for the next quarter. If a student takes 6 classes, they must pass 5 out of 6, and if they take 5 classes, they must pass 4 out of 5 classes. This includes courses at the college/ university level.

Per Board Policy IGDJA, Students receiving a failing grade for the nine weeks or semester may remain eligible by entering into an alternative program approved by the administration. This program would be monitored on a weekly basis as if it were part of the regular school academic program.

RRJSHS Eligibility:

Students will be required to pass (no F's) all subjects to be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities are those activities for which no grade is received.

Eligibility shall be established on the Monday of each week. If a student has a failing grade in any class they will immediately be deemed ineligible. They will remain ineligible until all failing grades have been improved to passing. Ineligible means they are only allowed to practice, but they may not dress for a game, travel with the team, sit on the bench or receive any recognition as being a part of the team. Re-establishment of eligibility is the responsibility of the student. Staff are under no obligation to make special accommodations for student work submitted after eligibility grades are posted on Mondays. Students may have to wait until the following Monday to receive a passing grade for submitted work.

Rogue River Junior High Students:

Rogue River Junior High athletes will be held to the same standards and level of accountability as the High School athletes.

Attendance on Contest Day:

An athlete must be present the entire day of a scheduled athletic competition to be eligible. If the contest is on a non-school day, athletes are required to be in school a full day the day of school prior to the contest to be eligible to play. An athlete is allowed one tardy on the day of a competition (or the day prior if the contest is on a non-school day). If the athlete has two or more tardies, they are not allowed to participate.

The athletic director, activities director, or principal must approve any extenuating circumstance. Appointments and excused absences must be cleared 24 hours in advance with the Athletic Director or Principal.

Attendance on a Non-Contest Day:

An athlete/activities participant with any unexcused absences (Code of A, C, or K in Tyler SIS) in any of their classes will not be allowed to practice. A student more than 10 minutes late(L) to class is considered absent for that class. If an athlete is tardy to class more than once, the athlete is not eligible to participate in practice for that day.

CONDUCT POLICIES**OVERVIEW:**

Athletes/ activities participants shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the high standards and

ideals of their team, school, and community. They should always demonstrate our school values. This includes at school, on school sponsored activities and field trips, as well as in our community.

Student conduct from athletics/ activities participants that violates school policy will lead to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or removal from participation.

Athletic Dress Code: Athletes/ activities participants will follow the Rogue River Junior/Senior High School dress code with the exceptions of authorized team uniforms and practice gear that is worn at practices and competitions. All students are required to wear shirts at practice and competitions.

Code of Conduct: All students will be bound by the Rogue River Junior Senior High School Code of Conduct as well as the rules and expectations set forth by the coaches/ advisors.

Discipline: Athletes/ activities participants who receive school discipline may receive short-term or long-term ineligibility as determined by a review of the athletic director/ activities director and/or administration.

- Any athlete or activities participant who does not attend an assigned Lunch or After School Detention will be declared ineligible for the next contest.
- Students serving In-School or Out-of-School Suspension will not be allowed to practice or participate in any competition for that day.
- Behavior Contracts will be shared with the Athletic Director/ Activities Director and coaches.

Ejections: Any student athlete ejected from a contest for the 1st time will pay the \$50 OSAA ejection fine. The fine must be paid prior to participation in practices or games. Any student athlete ejected from a 2nd contest in any sport will pay the OSAA fine (\$100) and could be suspended up to an additional game above OSAA rules after an administrative investigation. The fine must be paid prior to participation in practices or games. Any student athlete ejected for a 3rd time within the OSAA calendar year will be removed from the team in that sport season and is responsible for the entire fine issued by OSAA. The fine must be paid prior to participating in the following sports season.

Hazing: Hazing, which is defined as “willful conduct directed at a student that is intended to physically or emotionally intimidate, punish, embarrass, humiliate, ridicule or place any student in a disconcerting position for the purpose of initiation, affiliation, inclusion or membership in any team or organization,” will not be tolerated in any way. Students who participate in hazing events may be suspended from athletic and activity competition, or, if severe enough, removed from competition for that sport or activity for the remainder of the school year.

Missing Practice: An athlete/ activities participant who is going to miss a practice will make arrangements with the head coach, advisor, or the athletic/ activities director if the coach is unavailable.

Tobacco/ Alcohol/ Controlled Substances: Students are prohibited from the unlawful possession, use and/or sale of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other controlled substances, including steroids. Any drug, alcohol, or tobacco offense(s) will be cumulative for the student-athlete's/ activities participant's entire athletic career for grades 7 and 8, and then again for grades 9 - 12. Drug, tobacco, and/or alcohol use during any team function may result in immediate dismissal from the team and the student will be picked up by a parent or guardian if possible.

1st Offenses: The student will be suspended from competition for thirty (30) calendar days from discovery date (the student is expected to participate in practice during the suspension). Suspension will carry from one activity season into the next. The student may be required to comply with additional recommendations from administration before being permitted to rejoin the athletic/activity program. This could include a conference with school administrators, coach(es), advisor(s), parents and students to discuss concerns, impact, support, and making things right for all parties involved. Students will be placed on a probationary period of one calendar year, if no repeat offenses occur during that time the student will begin with a clean slate for future offenses.

2nd Offenses: The student will be fully suspended from the activity/athletic program for one calendar year; however, if the student successfully completes a drug/alcohol program, the suspension will be reduced to 90 calendar days (the school is not responsible for paying for or providing the drug/ alcohol program). In addition, the student will become ineligible to receive awards or letters for the sport being played when the student was suspended. The student may be required to comply with additional recommendations from administration before being permitted to rejoin the athletic/activity program. This could include a conference with school administrators, coach(es), advisor(s), parents and students to discuss concerns, impact, support, and making things right for all parties involved.

3rd Offenses: Third offenses will require a conference with school administrators, coach(es), advisor(s), parents and student to discuss concerns, impact, support, and making things right for all parties involved. All previous incidents will be discussed. Athletes/ activities participants will not be allowed to participate in contests for their remaining athletic/ activity career at RRJSHS. Students may petition the school administration and athletic department 1 year after the 3rd offense for a reinstatement of athletic/ activities participation. It is up to administration and the athletic department to determine if reinstatement will occur.

Transfers: Any student transferring to the Rogue River Junior/Senior High School who has signed and broke the Code of Conduct at a previous high school will follow Rogue River Junior/Senior High School's disciplinary rules. If the Rogue River code of conduct is broken and the student transfers schools this information will be communicated with that school.

Transportation: An athlete/ activities participant shall ride school transportation to and from contests and they are expected to follow the rules of the bus. Violation of the bus rules will result in consequences at the school and athletic/ activities level, which could include loss of practices/ competitions or removal from the team.

An athlete/ activities participant shall ride school transportation to and from contests unless their parent or guardian requests they return with them in writing. Students may only be released from school transportation to their parents or guardians, unless they fill out appropriate paperwork and submit it to the Athletic/ Activities Director at least 2 days before the competition. Students will not be released to anyone under the age of 24 due to liability.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Dual Sports Athlete: An athlete who wishes to participate in more than one sport during the same season shall enter into an agreement between the head coaches, the athletic director, and his or her parents. Completed forms need to be on file with the athletic department.

Early Exit: Any athlete that is unable to complete a sports season for any reason (including injuries) after the first contest will not receive a refund.

Insurance: Before participating in a school-sponsored trip outside the district, or in school-sponsored athletics, students and parents must have (1) purchased the student accident insurance, or (2) shown proof of existing personal insurance coverage. The district shall not be responsible for costs of treating injuries or assume liability for any other costs associated with an injury. At the beginning of each sports/competition season, the district will make available to students and parents a low-cost student accident insurance program. Parents are responsible for paying premiums (if coverage is desired).

Lettering Requirements: All coaches/ advisors will provide participants with the written requirements for lettering prior to the first game of competition. A student who earns a varsity letter the first time will receive a chenille letter, certificate and emblem. No more than one school chenille letter will be given to an individual student.

Physical Examination: OSAA requires every athlete to have a Pre-Participation Physical Examination before being allowed to participate in any activities. These examinations must be documented every other year and kept on file with the high school. The forms can be picked up in the main office at Rogue River Junior/Senior High School or on the school's website.

Returning Equipment: Athletes/ activities participants must return all equipment owned and issued by the Rogue River School District within two weeks after the conclusion of the season or be held financially responsible. The end of the season is defined as the last competition of the season.

Student Participation Fees: All students' participation fees must be paid prior to the first game/competition of the season. If fees are not paid, the student athlete/ activities participant will not be able to participate unless an administrative approved payment plan is in place.

- Junior High Sports does not have participation fees.
- High School Sports does not have participation fees..

Transfer Sports: An athlete who wishes to transfer from one sport to another must have the consent of both coaches and the athletic director. The approval from the coach of the sport being dropped must be obtained first.

RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

In the event that a parent/guardian and/or student believe that there are extenuating circumstances associated with a student's violation of this Code of Conduct the parent/guardian and/or student must provide a written explanation of such circumstances to the athletic director/ activities coordinator within three days of the imposition of the related consequence.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____