

# ~ Riverview Athletic Code of Conduct ~

As you read through these expectations, you will begin to better understand the type of athletic program that is to be expected at Riverview Middle School. These responsibilities are designed to help you to become the best person, teammate and athlete that you can be. To be a member of this program is a **privilege**.

## **The responsibilities of a Riverview Athlete:**

- ✓ To attend all classes and make an effort to do your academic best
- ✓ To be honest and understanding
- ✓ To develop a positive self-image
- ✓ To give your best in honor of yourself, your teammates, coaches, and school
- ✓ To represent Riverview Middle School as a courteous, self-disciplined student-athlete
- ✓ To perform up to potential and fulfill a role on the team as best possible
- ✓ To accept constructive criticism in an appropriate manner
- ✓ To be at all practices and games on time
- ✓ To be a positive role model in the classroom, hallways, and in the game
- ✓ To look for ways to compliment my teammates to help build morale
- ✓ To set high and reachable goals for both the team and yourself

## **Academics**

A true athlete places learning above competition. At Riverview, you are a student first and an athlete second. You are here to receive an education. Keep your coach aware of any academic troubles you may encounter. Team members who are not achieving academic success may not be allowed to participate in team activities and games. Grade checks will be conducted at least 3 times per season. Coaches will outline how this is to be done. If you have either **two (2) D's or one (1) F** at any time, you will be expected to improve those grades before you will be able to practice and play. While this is a concrete rule, your coaches, teachers, and your parents may have different expectations of you. You are expected to push your potential and be the best that you can be. If your parents, teachers, and coaches set higher academic goals for you, then you may not be able to practice or play for not meeting those expectations. Absences from school also hurt academic success, and as such, an absence from school for more than half a day for any reason will result in you not being able to practice or play in a game that day without prior consent of the Principal or Dean of Students.

## **Integrity**

You must represent the school in an appropriate manner at all times. Your behavior, in and out of school, is grounds for dismissal from the Riverview Athletic Program. Be a good human being and take pride in sportsmanship. You must also have the respect for yourself and your teammates to avoid all uses of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, in and out of school. You work hard to build your body and mind, please do not prevent the team (or yourself) from reaching it's potential. Any violation of this "no tolerance" policy will result in suspension or dismissal from the Riverview Athletic Program, as determined by the Principal or the Dean of Students. Your behavior in the classroom will also be reflected in your playing time. Students who are disrespectful to staff will see less playing time, at the coaches discretion. Repeat offenses could result in a suspension or dismissal from Riverview's Athletic program, at the Principal or Dean of Student's discretion.

## **Tardiness and Absences**

Players will be considered tardy if they are not prepared for practice, with all proper equipment (shoes, shorts, etc.) at the designated starting time. All players are to talk to their coaches personally for any absence or tardy that may be necessary. If a player is unable to attend a scheduled practice, team meeting or game, he/ she must inform the coaches at least one day prior to the event or it is considered unexcused. A parent may also contact a coach to excuse an absence. All absences will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Please read and sign this slip before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice. Slips must be in the first day in order to practice with the team

## Game and Practice Guidelines

1. Players are expected to conduct themselves intelligently during all practices and games. No player will be allowed to tear down or taunt a teammate or opponent.
2. Our equipment will be respected. Always assist in putting materials where they are supposed to be.
3. Players with minor injuries are not excused from practices. Rather, they are expected to be present to observe practice, receive treatment and continue learning.
4. There is never a need for inappropriate language. Express true feelings intelligently.
5. When preparing for a game later in the day, whether at home or away, dress like a winner. All players and managers are expected to dress in a neat and clean manner.
6. Every person in uniform is expected to be attentive, positive and prepared to perform at any time. Team morale is vital for team success. When you are not competing, be a good spectator. You are expected to encourage your teammates at all times.
7. The decisions of referees and officials are final. As a team, we must accept their decisions, even though we may personally disagree.
8. Be respectful.
9. Any words, actions or behaviors the coach(es) see as disruptive to the development of the team, during practices or games, may result in less playing time, at the coaches discretion, and could possibly result in suspension or dismissal (at the Principal or Dean of Student's discretion).
10. If a player misses the team bus and then shows up at the meet by means of other transportation, that player becomes a spectator for the evening. The player will not suit up or play and must sit with other school spectators.
11. All athletes are strongly encouraged to ride the bus home after an away game. The team needs to be together after the game, whether it be in celebration of a win or the refocus after a loss. Permission from the Principal or Dean of Students must be gained before any student will be allowed to leave an away game through separate transportation from the team.
12. Only positive statements are to be said before, during and after a game or practice. When emotions are high, the risk of saying something damaging runs high also. If there is a concern, speak directly with the coach. Do not take matters into your own hands.
13. Student safety is first and foremost. With that said, no student will be allowed to practice or play without a current athletic card on file with the Riverview office. Please check on this early, as sometimes cards are lost and we do not want players to miss out on practices or games.
14. Participation in the Riverview Athletic Program is a privilege. In order to participate in this program you must agree to abide by all rules set forth in this document, Riverview Middle School, and your coaches. If you agree to this, please sign and return this sheet prior to any participation in the Riverview Middle School Athletic Program.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_