



RF STAPLES ATHLETICS

Teamwork Belonging Independence Respect Dedication Service

RF Staples Athletes Code of Conduct

As an athlete it is important to understand that participating on a school team is a privilege, and not a right, and because of this the following responsibilities, expectations and consequences have been developed to maintain a positive student athlete code. This contract must be read, initialed, signed and then returned to your coach.

Information included in this contract, as well as additional details, has been provided in the Athletic Handbook.

1. Attendance at School

- Athletes are expected to attend all classes. In most cases athletes will be missing a certain amount of school to compete in tournaments/games. Therefore, other unexcused absences should not occur.
- If an athlete has an unexcused absence, from any class including Focus and is found to be truant then that athlete **may be suspended from participating with the team**. Suspension includes; practices, games and tournaments.
- Athletes are responsible to communicate in advance, with their teachers, the days in which they will be missing class for participation in athletics.
- Athletes are responsible to work with teachers' expectations to complete missed assignments and/or assessments and will not be afforded special treatment.
- If an athlete misses school for an excusable reason, medical appointments or family priorities, then this must be communicated, when possible prior to expected absence, with the school and the coach.
- Athletes are required to attend school on the day of the athletic contest or practice. If an athlete is sick and not attending school or injured and not participating in class, i.e. Phys. Ed, then the athlete will not be allowed to participate in any team activities; practices, games and/or tournaments.
- Any student suspended from school for any reason will not be able to participate with extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletic teams.

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2. Attendance at Practices/ Commitment to Team

- Attendance at all practices, games, and team events is expected from all athletes to ensure the success of their team.
- Student athletes must provide the coach with advance notice of absences from practices or games and explanation of that absence.
- While it is acceptable for a student athlete to have a job, it is not reasonable to expect the coach to accept working as a legitimate reason for missing practice or a games.

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3. Academics

- Student Athletes expected to remain in good academic standing and to be passing all core classes. Students failing to keep their academics up to standards run the risk of being temporarily removed from the activity until the academic issue is resolved.
- Communication with your coach and teacher should be made so that opportunities for tutoring or extra time for help can be arranged.

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4. Character/Conduct

- All participants involved in athletics will conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the good will and positive spirit of athletics. Participants will conduct themselves with the highest standard of courtesy, integrity and good sportsmanship.
- All athletes shall respect other coaches, players, team members, fans, spectators, officials, volunteers, parents, team officials and school division employees. Any inappropriate conduct, threats, harassment or abuse (verbal or physical) directed towards the aforementioned will not be tolerated.
- Violation of these expectations will result in suspension and/or expulsion from interschool athletic activities; games, practices, tournaments and any special events.
- **Regardless of when or where an athletic event occurs, it is a school sponsored activity. The use of tobacco, tobacco products (eg. E-cigs, vapes), drugs, or alcohol is prohibited and shall be strictly enforced.**

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5. Injuries

- Students with chronic injuries that may influence their ability to safely participate in their sport must communicate this with the coach so that proper safety measures can be taking to minimize risk.
- Student athletes must fill out the provided medical information form so that coaches/staff supervisors have accurate contact and medical information in case of emergencies.
- Student athletes who are injured either during team activities or elsewhere must show that they are taking measures to adequately recover (i.e. doctors note, note from parents) so that the injury does not reoccur. Coaches may choose to not play student athletes until injuries have completely healed. In the event of a possible concussion, a note from a physician is required to return to activity.

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