

Ryley Extra-Curricular Philosophy & Guidelines

This policy applies to all extra-curricular activities-athletic teams, clubs and organizations within Ryley School. All athletes & coaches must sign the following policy statement in order to participate in extra-curricular activities at Ryley School.

There are a number of common qualities teams must pursue if they wish to approach their potential. The following statements will be the building blocks of all Ryley teams. All players & coaches must adhere to the following athletic philosophy & guidelines.

1. As members of Ryley School, we must recognize that our first responsibility is to academic progress. This statement has a number of implications:
 - a. Regular attendance for all classes.
 - b. Punctual completion of all assignments and tests.
 - c. Proper behaviour during classes and respect shown to all people within our school community.
 - d. School attendance is a prerequisite for participation at either a practice or game. **A student must be present for the entire day to attend practices or games. The only exceptions are medical appointments or prior consent of the principal.**

Students who have less than 50% in any course could be deemed academically ineligible and will not be allowed to participate until such time the mark is 50 % or better or the student is cleared to play by the principal. Factors such as attendance, completion of assignments, tardiness, classroom behavior and effort will also be considered when determining eligibility. Athletes will be able to try out and be selected to teams as well as practice but will not be able to participate in games (league or tournament) during the time they are considered academically ineligible.

Your teachers will be speaking to us about your academic, behavioural, and athletic successes. We look forward to these because we are proud of our association with you.

2. Athletes are responsible for completing any and all school work missed due to early releases, athletic events, or other athletic activity. **In addition students will need to have their teachers in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies sign the academic focus form to confirm they have completed all assignments.**
3. Athletes may not depart an 'away event' in a vehicle (other than the approved method of transportation) without prior authorization. While it is understood that students may, at times, leave 'away games' with their parents, prior authorization must be granted. Transportation by another parent that is not approved by BRSD is not permitted.
4. Any athlete ejected from a game/contest for unsportsmanlike behaviour will be suspended from the team roster until a review of the event has been completed by the coach, athletic director, and administration.
5. As members of a Ryley Athletic team we must show leadership not only during our sporting activities but also in the classroom. It is a privilege to play on our sport teams. ***Disrespect to any adult by a student-athlete is intolerable. This includes all school personnel, coaches and supervisors. All athletes must understand that they are the leaders of the school and must conduct themselves accordingly, as playing for your school is a privilege. Reporting of disrespect by any adult will be dealt with firstly, by a stern warning. The second offense will result in a suspension from the team for one week. A third offense will be removal from the team.***
6. An athlete who is suspended from school (in-school or out) will be suspended from the team for a **one week** period. An athlete suspended for a second time during their sports season **will be removed from the team.**

7. Players, managers, and coaches must be committed to the team; the pursuit of excellence should be a real one. Regular, punctual attendance at all team activities is an expectation. Individual effort (in practices and games) should reflect a willingness to improve, and a real excitement for playing the game.
8. As members of this team and representatives of Ryley School, your conduct off the court will be as closely scrutinized as your performance on the court. To aid us with this prospect, we should keep the following in mind:
 - a) The legal drinking age is eighteen.
 - b) The possession and/or use of drugs are illegal and thus unacceptable.
 - c) Smoking is illegal for students under the age of eighteen. In addition, Ryley is a smoke free workplace. Athletes who consume tobacco products are not eligible to participate on school teams.
 - **Student-athletes shall neither consume alcohol/drugs, nor be under the influence of alcohol/drugs during any school-sponsored event.** If a student is believed to be under the influence or is believed to have consumed a banned substance, they will be suspended indefinitely, pending a review by administration.
9. You are what you do. You do what you think. In that respect, we would like to exhibit a positive attitude at all times such as **all** competitions, practices, and during travel to and from such events.

We should work towards:

 - Being positive to all our teammates both as players, and as people; negativity cannot/will not be tolerated.
 - Showing our opponents the same respect we show our teammates.
 - Accepting instruction and displaying a willingness to change when and where it is appropriate.
 - Showing officials respect. All team members must accept the official's judgments and decisions as irreversible, and thus continue to concentrate on the game.
 - Displaying tremendous pride in our performance. The game is an opportunity to display our hard work, our collective energy, our positive attitude, and ourselves.
 - Displaying concerned leadership, regardless of your position of play or years of involvement in the program.
 - Making positive lifestyle decisions and modeling appropriate behavior with your team in and out of school.
 - Building the best team we can and having as much fun as we can.
10. As coaches we will strive to be fair, honest & positive. Every player is important to our team and attempts will be made to give each player adequate playing time for skill development providing that athlete has fulfilled team expectations and requirements (effort and attitude in practices and games).

Athlete signature _____ Athletic Director Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____