

ATHLETIC POLICIES

Philosophy

RCCS considers athletic participation to be an important aspect of the development of the whole person. Christ calls us to develop the mind, body and soul. While sports are typically thought of as developing the body, they also assist in the development of character. Participation in sports teaches accountability and responsibility to the student. In addition, it teaches reliance on one another much as Paul describes in I Corinthians 12: "we are many parts, but one body". The emphasis on sports, however, must not over-shadow the academics of RCCS. Therefore, RCCS strives to provide a balance between athletics and academics.

Eligibility

Students must meet certain academic and character requirements in order to be eligible for an athletic team. The following circumstances will render a student ineligible for an athletic team:

Academic Probation (See *Academic Probation Policy* in the Academic Handbook)

- a) A student placed on academic probation may be ineligible to become a member of a team.
- b) If a student is placed on academic probation while on an athletic team, he/she may be prohibited from attending practices or games.
- c) If a student is placed on academic probation while on an athletic team, he/she may become ineligible and may be removed from the team.

Behavioral Probation

- a) A student's in-school behavior can affect his/her eligibility to participate on an athletic team.

Irresponsibility

- a) For a student to be eligible to participate in that day's athletic contest, the student must arrive at school before the start of third period classes.
- b) A student may be removed from a team if he/she misses an excessive amount of practices and/or games for unreasonable causes. The determination of "unreasonable causes" and any subsequent penalty will be at the coach's discretion.

Practices

Practices and games for all sports will be no more than four (4) nights per week prior to the start of league play. However, the coaches are allowed the flexibility to schedule an occasional scrimmage in addition to the 4 nights. Practices and games are considered mandatory for all team members.

All practices will run no more than 2 hours per night. The coach of the sport based on his/her schedule will determine practice times.

Levels of Teams

The levels of the RCCS sports teams will be:

- Varsity teams - students in grades 9 through 12.
- Middle School teams - students in grades 5 through 8.

Transportation To and From Events

Each team will have a travel coordinator, preferably a parent of one of the team members. This coordinator will arrange for transportation of the team members to and from the games. **Before providing transportation, all driver volunteers must provide a valid driver's license and proof of insurance to the Financial Office.**

For transportation to and from games:

1. All athletes must travel to and from games with their assigned adult. This is to ensure that the coach has the entire team arriving on time and warm-ups can begin immediately.
2. At the coach's discretion, a team member may have alternate transportation to the game if the parent makes a request at least 24 hours in advance of the game.

Exceptions for returning FROM the games are:

1. If a parent or guardian is at the game, the student will be allowed to go home with him/her. However, other students will not be permitted to go with this parent or someone other than their parent unless permission was received as stated below.
2. The parent/guardian of the athlete may request permission for alternate travel plans. That is, the student may be allowed to return from the game with someone other than the assigned adult or the athlete's parent/guardian. However, this must be requested 24 hours prior to the game.

***Athletes will not receive their uniforms until the Financial Office has received the appropriate medical forms and athletic fees. School records will be withheld if an athlete fails to return his/her uniform at the end of a season.**

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2011-2012 _____ Season

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless REDEEMER CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (RCCS), its officers, administration, faculty, staff, parents, students, partners, affiliates, and contractors, from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability and expense, including attorneys' fees and court costs, in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to property arising from or out of participation in any activity, event, or function, sponsored by, or affiliated with RCCS.

The undersigned agrees to be solely responsible for loss and damage to its personal property while participating in the event above and hereby waives any claim for personal injury or property related to his/her participation pursuant to this Hold Harmless Agreement.

The undersigned authorizes the school and its agents to obtain medical treatment for my child,
_____ in the event of an emergency.

By signing below, you agree that you have read, understand, and support the Athletic Policy of RCCS.

(Print) Parent Name

(Sign) Parent Signature

(Print) Student Name

(Sign) Student Signature

Date