

Middle School Athletics

1. Objective

The purpose of the athletic program is to promote the ideals of sportsmanship honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. The program will further strive to teach spirit, the competitive will to win, fitness through individual sacrifice, the values of team play, and wholesome well-being through healthful and social association with other athletes while under proper leadership.

2. Participation

- a. Prior to any participation in a sport, a student shall have had a physical examination and have some form of satisfactory insurance coverage. The student will be responsible to present the parental permission and insurance form to the athletic director before the specified deadline.
- b. A participant is eligible for athletics until:
 - (1) The student is unable to pass 7 or 8 classes or maintain a 2.0 grade point average. Quarter and semester grades will be used to determine eligibility. Eligibility may be restored during any succeeding midterm or semester grade report.
 - (2) The student has been temporarily suspended by the coach or administration.
 - (3) The student has been dropped from the team by the coach or administration.
- c. Students not present for more than half a day on game days will not be allowed to participate.
- d. Students who are assigned a pass on game days will not be allowed to travel with the team to away games.
- e. Students who have been arrested or charged with violations of any law that reflects adversely on the athletic program will be subject to the Rainier Middle School Athletic Code and school board policy.

3. Training and Behavior

- a. Use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs in any form is prohibited. Failure to comply shall result in a 15-day suspension for the first offense. During this suspension, the athlete will be expected to attend all practices but will not be eligible to participate in games or travel with the team to away games. A second offense will result in permanent suspension for the remainder of the school year.
- b. Any student caught stealing or purposely destroying school equipment or property of any kind while participating in the athletic program, will be suspended as described in Section C-1 above.

- c. Any student who purposely displays personal anatomical parts in public (indecent exposure) shall automatically become ineligible for participation in school athletics as described in Section C-1 above.
- d. Students have the responsibility of attending all practice sessions in their sport unless they have made previous arrangements with their coach. Continued absence from practice may result in suspension or dismissal from the team. Coaches will determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused. An unexcused absence from school on the day of a contest will result in ineligibility for the contest.
- e. Additional training rules may be developed by coaches covering their respective program.

4. Athletic Trips

- a. It is imperative that all students represent the school in the best way possible by exercising good manners and courteous behavior.
- b. The coaches will be responsible for the discipline of the players and student-helpers during the bus trip. The discipline shall not be less than the State adopted rules for school buses and the minimum expectations of the bus driver who is in charge of the trip. Misconduct on the bus will result in disciplinary action by the coach.
- c. Students are not to board the buses or be on the bus unless the coach is present.
- d. Food will be permitted unless the privilege is abused. This privilege may be withdrawn at the discretion of the coach. No glass containers are allowed. All students are responsible for leaving a clean bus.
- e. Coaches are not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- f. It is the student's responsibility to inform their parents of the approximate return time from a trip. Athletes will be given schedules with times listed.
- g. Travel consent and medical release forms must be signed by the parent before participants can travel to games on the bus.
- h. An athlete must return from a game or meet on the team bus. Students released after a game or meet will be released only to their parent or guardian.
- i. The coaches will be responsible at the school site until all students under their supervision have departed.
- j. Active participants in any sports activity shall conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit to their school, their teammates and themselves.

5. Accidents and Injuries

- a. All injuries during practices or games must be reported to the coach in charge.
- b. Any participant who has been to the doctor or hospital for an athletic injury must report this to the school office as soon as possible.
- c. Once a participant has suffered an injury which requires a doctor's attention, he/she will not be considered for active competition until the doctor signs a release form.
- d. All coaches will notify the administration of an injury as soon as possible. A follow-up using the district form is necessary.
- e. Coaches will not administer internal medicine and will exercise due care in administering first aid to an injured player.