



**STUDENT - ATHLETE
HANDBOOK
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Department of Athletics

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*Rough Rider sports schedules are available
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HighSchoolSports.net

UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR WITH FANS

No member of any school-sponsored interscholastic athletics squad shall leave the 'playing area' in which a contest is being conducted and enter the spectator area of the facility to engage in any type of conflict—verbal or physical. If a student-athlete leaves the 'playing area' and enters the spectator area of a facility to so engage a person, the minimum penalties shall be:

1. The student-athletes privileges to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be revoked and the student-athlete shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year.
2. The school shall be immediately placed on probation pending an investigation (and report) into what happened, what caused it to happen, what was done by the school to diffuse what happened and what safeguards have been implemented by the school to prevent further happenings.

OHSAA ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

The Ohio High School Athletic Association publication "Your Athletic Eligibility" answers many questions on a student-athletes eligibility. Take the time to read this publication and become familiar with the eligibility requirements established by the OHSAA.

KENT CITY SCHOOLS

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SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic athletic programs of OHSAA member schools, as well as for the individuals who participate. People involved in all facets of the athletic program are expected to demonstrate respect for others and display good sportsmanship.

Roosevelt High School places the highest priority on sportsmanship and integrity. As a student-athlete or parent you play a tremendous role in promoting sportsmanship.

**ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
 INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

Fall Sports

- Cheerleading – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Boys Cross Country – Varsity
- Girls Cross Country – Varsity
- Field Hockey – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Football – Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman
- Golf – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Boys Soccer – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Girls Soccer – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Girls Tennis – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Girls Volleyball – Varsity, Junior Varsity

Winter Sports

- Cheerleading – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Boys Basketball – Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman
- Girls Basketball – Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman
- Boys Bowling – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Girls Bowling – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Ice Hockey – Varsity
- Boys Swimming & Diving – Varsity
- Girls Swimming & Diving – Varsity
- Wrestling – Varsity, Junior Varsity

Spring Sports

- Baseball – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Boys Lacrosse – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Girls Lacrosse – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Softball – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Boys Tennis – Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Boys Track and Field – Varsity
- Girls Track and Field – Varsity
- Boys Volleyball – Varsity, Junior Varsity

METRO DIVISION

- Coventry
- Crestwood
- Field
- Norton
- Ravenna
- Roosevelt
- Southeast
- Springfield

COUNTY DIVISION

- East Canton
- Garfield
- Mogadore
- Rootstown
- Streetsboro
- Waterloo
- Windham
- Woodridge

SUSPENDED/EXPELLED STUDENTS

Students who have been suspended out of school or expelled from school are not permitted on school property or at any school sponsored event home or away for the duration of such disciplinary action.

OHSAA PLAYER EJECTION FROM A CONTEST

Any student-athlete ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for all contests **for the remainder of that day**. In addition, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection (one contest in football). If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student-athlete under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).

A student-athlete who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport. A student-athlete who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student-athlete participates.

All student-athletes participating in the athletic program at Roosevelt High School will be held accountable to the OHSAA player ejection rule.

5. Behavior Unbecoming of a Roosevelt Student-Athlete, including unsportsmanlike conduct or ejection from a contest or event

A student-athlete shall not act in a manner detrimental to the team or Roosevelt High School.

Consequences:

Minimum— athletic director and coach's discretion

Maximum— remainder of the season or 90 days whichever is greater.

6. Hazing

Hazing shall be defined for the purposes of this policy as performing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, team or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

Consequences:

Administrative action and automatic dismissal from the team.

**ATHLETIC TICKETS
OPTIONS AND PRICES**

Football Reserved Seat - \$ 36.00 for six home football games. Parking pass included.

Presale Student Tickets for Football - \$3.00 when purchased at lunch or after school on game day at RHS or SMS.

Student Tickets - \$3.00 when purchased at athletic events. Student tickets at the gate for football \$5.00, due to presale option.

Student Punch Pass - \$20.00. Ten punches for any home athletic events, including football.

Adult Tickets - \$5.00 when purchased at athletic events.

Adult Punch Pass - \$40.00. Ten punches for any home athletic events, ***except football.***

Family Punch Pass - \$110.00. Ten punches for two adults and up to four children at any home athletic events. *All family members must be present at the time of entry.*

Senior Citizens with Kent City Schools Senior ID
FREE for home Roosevelt athletic events.
\$3.00 for Portage Trail Conference events at opponent's school.

CANCELLATION OF ATHLETIC EVENTS DUE TO WEATHER

If Kent City Schools are closed due to inclement weather conditions, Roosevelt High School athletic events may be postponed or cancelled.

During school closings, specific information on sport practices and contests may be obtained by checking the web at highschoolsports.net.

OHSAA FORMS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION

Roosevelt High School students wishing to participate in interscholastic athletics must have a **completed and valid OHSAA** Physical Examination Form, Emergency Medical Authorization Form, OHSAA Authorization Form, and OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statement prior to the first day of participation. Physical Examinations are valid for one year from the date of the physician's signature. Emergency Medical Authorizations and OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statements and OHSAA Authorization Forms must be completed each academic year.

OHSAA AND KENT CITY SCHOOLS ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To be academically eligible to participate in athletics, students in grades 9-12, must be currently enrolled in Roosevelt High School and have received passing grades in a minimum of **five one credit courses, or the equivalent**, in the immediately preceding grading period. The Kent City Schools Board of Education's policy also requires a student to achieve a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding grading period.

The eligibility of a student-athlete continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period. Student-athletes who pass five one credit courses or the equivalent but achieve less than a 2.0 grade point average at the end of a grading period may be permitted to participate provided they engage in a structured academic intervention program monitored by the

2. Attendance

A student-athlete is required to attend all mandatory activities designated by the coach.

Consequences for the first unexcused absence:

Minimum— athletic director and coach's discretion.
Maximum— two athletic days and one contest.

Consequences for the second unexcused absence:

Minimum— athletic director and coach's discretion.
Maximum— five athletic days and one contest.

Consequences for the third and subsequent unexcused absence:

Minimum— athletic director and coach's discretion.
Maximum— remainder of the season or 90 days whichever is greater.

*Note- An athletic day refers to any day that has a scheduled practice or contest.

3. Insubordination

A student-athlete shall not refuse to comply with a reasonable request, order, or direction of any coach, administrator, or other authorized personnel.

Consequences:

Minimum— athletic director and coach's discretion.
Maximum— remainder of the season or 90 days whichever is greater.

4. Profanity or Vulgar Displays

A student-athlete shall not use profane, obscene, or vulgar language. This includes gestures, either nonverbal or written.

Consequences:

Minimum— athletic director and coach's discretion.
Maximum— remainder of the season or 90 days whichever is greater.

AREAS OF DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION

1. Substance Possession or Use: Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs

Using, possessing, purchasing, selling, intending to buy or sell, or transmitting tobacco, alcohol or drugs, or simulated tobacco, alcohol or drugs; having the odor of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs upon his or her breath or clothing; or possessing drug paraphernalia, on school property or in school vehicles, during the school day or at a school sponsored activity regardless of the time of day is in violation. Student-athletes are also prohibited from substance possession or use outside the school environment, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, beginning the first day of practice for fall student-athletes and the first day of school for winter and spring student-athletes and proceeding to the last day of school.

Consequences:

First Offense:

Denial of participation from 20% of the scheduled contests starting from the date of the student-athlete and parent or guardian notification or the first contest in the next active season for out of season violations.

Subsequent Offenses during the same academic year:

Denial of participation from 40% of the scheduled contests starting from the date of the student-athlete and parent or guardian notification or the first contest in the next active season for out of season violations and possible dismissal from the team. The student-athlete must meet with the Student Assistance Coordinator and comply with recommendations made by the Student Assistance Coordinator.

athletic director. The student-athlete must meet the criteria of the academic intervention program to be eligible to participate in the student-athlete's sport the following week.

- Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period. **Semester and yearly grades have no effect on eligibility.**
- A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.
- For eligibility purposes, summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades received in the final grading period of the regular school year or for lack of enough courses taken the preceding grading period.
- **Students taking post-secondary school courses must comply with these standards.** Please see the principal or athletic director if you have questions.

Do not change your course schedule or drop a course without first consulting the principal or athletic director to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

ONE HALF DAY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Student-athletes are required to be in attendance for at least one-half (four periods) of the school day in order to be eligible on that day for participation in an athletic practice or contest. If there are special circumstances regarding attendance, the student-athlete's parent or guardian should contact the athletic director.

GUIDELINES FOR CUTTING

The head coach will hold a pre-season meeting with student-athletes trying out for the sport to explain the criteria used to cut a squad. Evaluation procedures and general tryout information will be explained and questions pertaining to tryouts will be answered.

A conference will be held with a student-athlete cut from the squad. During the conference, the coach will explain the reasons why the student-athlete did not make the team and suggest possible alternatives for improving skills, therefore, enhancing the student-athlete's opportunity for making the team in the future.

The coaching staff will participate in the evaluation of each student-athlete in a given sport in a fair and equitable manner. The head coach will be responsible for making the final decision with respect to the varsity squad of his/her team.

Tryouts will be a minimum of three (3) practices in length before cuts are made to ensure adequate time to evaluate candidates.

Every attempt will be made to give each student-athlete the same amount of time to demonstrate skills.

ATHLETIC UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

A student-athlete must return athletic uniforms and school equipment in the condition it was received (with normal wear and tear taken into consideration) when requested by the coach, or at the conclusion of the sport's season. Student-athletes must reimburse the Kent City Schools Board of Education the replacement cost of lost or damaged equipment.

ATHLETIC CONDUCT CODE

The Board of Education believes that co-curricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, can be an important part of a student's educational experience in Kent City Schools. Because participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege all students may enjoy during good conduct, students may be denied participation from any particular or all co-curricular activities by the Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director or other Administrator, for up to one calendar year. Multiple offenses may lead to denial of participation from co-curricular activities for the balance of the student's high school career. The period of co-curricular denial of participation may extend, as appropriate, into the subsequent school year at the discretion of the administrator imposing the denial of participation. Due process procedures, including appeal to the Superintendent and/or the Board of Education, do not apply to co-curricular denial of participation and the decision of an authorized administrator shall be final.

SCOPE OF THE ATHLETIC CONDUCT CODE

All student-athletes of Roosevelt High School are to abide by the Kent City Schools Student Conduct Code and the Athletic Conduct Code. Violation of either code may lead to the denial of participation of the teams' practice(s) and contest(s) or other penalties.

- The Athletic Conduct Code goes into effect on the first day of fall sports practices in August and continues until the last day of school for student-athletes participating in a fall sport.
- For winter and spring sports athletes, the Athletic Conduct Code goes into effect on the first day of school and is in effect until the last day of school.
- The Athletic Conduct Code will be in effect for all athletes for the entire school year and will carry over from the fall to the winter to the spring sports seasons.

MARCHING BAND AND ATHLETIC POLICY

Should a student wish to participate in a fall sport in addition to being a member of the marching band, the band director and head coach will point out the many difficulties in attempting both activities. However, should the student decide that he or she wishes to attempt both, such is permissible. The marching band director and the head coach involved will work out a mutually agreeable schedule, which permits the student to participate in both activities.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE AND TRANSFERRING SPORTS

Student-athletes may not transfer from one sport to another after the first scheduled scrimmage or contest. A student-athlete who withdraws from a sport may not join another sport until the season in which he/she withdrew is completed. A student-athlete who withdraws from a sport may not begin conditioning or "open gym or open facilities" for a sport in the up-coming season without permission from the head coach of the sport the student-athlete withdrew from or until the current sport's season ends.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE AND TWO SPORT PARTICIPATION

A student-athlete who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must gain the approval of the athletic director prior to practicing with both sports.

The following criteria must be met before approval will be given:

1. Approval from the parent or guardian.
2. The student-athlete shows evidence of strong academic achievement that would not be compromised by participating in two sports in the same season.
3. Both head coaches must agree the student-athlete would be capable of competing at a varsity level in each sport and would be able to have sufficient practice time for skill development.
4. The student-athlete must decide on a primary sport that would take priority if schedule conflicts occur. Both head coaches must agree on the student-athlete's choice of primary sport.
5. The head athletic trainer must be consulted to determine if any past or current injuries or conditions would make participation in two sports inadvisable.
6. A contract outlining the above criteria must be signed by the parents, coaches, student-athlete and athletic director.

Head coaches will not allow a student-athlete to participate in more than one sport until approved by the athletic director.

STUDENT-ATHLETE VACATION POLICY

Student-athletes missing mandatory contests during a scheduled family vacation will be required to sit out the following number of contests:

Miss 1 contest	Sit out one contest upon return
Miss 2 contests	Sit out two contests upon return
Miss 3 or more contests	Sit out three contests upon return

Student-athletes missing mandatory practices during a scheduled family vacation may be required to make up missed practices at the coaches' convenience before returning to the normal position in the line-up.

AWAY EVENTS AND STUDENT-ATHLETE TRANSPORTATION

Student-athletes are expected to travel to and from away practices, scrimmages, and contests on transportation provided by Kent City Schools. In the event of extenuating circumstances, exceptions may be granted by the athletic director or head coach if the student-athlete provides notification through a written request signed by the parent or guardian the day prior to the scheduled away event.

If the request is honored, a student-athlete will be permitted to travel with his/her parent or guardian only.

BENCH OR TEAM AREA AND LOCKER ROOM RESTRICTIONS

The bench or team area and locker room of each sport is restricted to the student-athletes listed on the OHSAA eligibility form for the sport, coaches, volunteer coaches, managers, athletic trainers, paramedics, physicians, team videographers or other personnel approved by the athletic director or coach. Students, parents and fans are expected to remain in designated spectator areas or seated in the bleachers.

SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONIES

Individual sports awards banquets and ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of each sports' season. Student-athletes are expected to attend the awards program to receive the awards they have earned. If the student-athlete is unable to attend the awards program, the head coach must be notified before the awards program or the student-athlete risks forfeiture of earned awards.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

Head coaches will determine the requirements for a student-athlete to earn a varsity award in his/her respective sport. The awards criteria will be described to student-athletes prior to the start of the sport's season.

ROUGH RIDER ATHLETIC AWARDS

Freshmen	Numerals of graduation year first season, Certificate of Participation subsequent seasons
Junior Varsity	Certificate of Participation
First Year Varsity	Letter award – Varsity "R", first season, Sport pin for subsequent sports
Second Year Varsity	Varsity "R" Key Chain
Third Year Award	Third Year Plaque
Fourth Year Award	Fourth Year Plaque
Captain Award	Captain Certificate
PTC Academic Award	Any student-athlete who has earned a varsity award in the current sport and has a 3.40 GPA or better