



Rio Vista Middle School  
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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

Your son/daughter is interested in being a member of the 2014-2015 Condors Athletic Program. It is imperative for coaches to have your support in building a strong program. We hope you understand the dedication and commitment required of athletes and their parents to have a successful program. Rio Vista Middle School sports are a privilege, not a right and we as coaches **have high expectations for our student-athletes in the classroom, community, and on the courts and fields.**

If there is an incident on or off the playing field it will be handled by coach, athletic director and administrators. If a player is suspended from school s/he will **be suspended from three (3) games, and depending on the severity of their infraction, s/he may be suspended from the team indefinitely.** Each incident will be handled individually in accordance to its severity.

## 2014-2015 Rules and Expectations

### 1. Grades:

- a. Every student is **required to get a grade check (office). They MUST bring it to each of their teachers to input subject, grade, any comments and their signature. If there is a substitute they must get them to sign as well. If the student-athlete turns one in with missing grades, it is assumed they are carrying an F in that class.**
- b. A student-athlete **WILL NOT** change a grade input by the teacher. If this occurs s/he will be suspended from one game.
- c. A student-athlete **MUST** have a **2.0 grade point average (GPA)** the week of a game in order to play.
- d. If the student does not have a 2.0 GPA the week of a game he/she still needs to show up (in uniform) to cheer the team on.
- e. The student will be able to practice but will not participate in games until he/she has received a grade check with a 2.0 GPA.
- f. The student will have to go to **teacher's designated hours for extra help before school, during lunch, or after school.**

### 2. Practice:

- a. Practice and games are scheduled **regardless** of vacation time. Therefore players are expected to attend all practices and games during that time. If a player must be absent from practice or a game, the coaches need to be **informed ahead of time**.
- b. Players are expected to be **on time, dressed**, and mentally prepared to practice.
- c. Only players and coaches are permitted on the court or field at all times.
- d. Each player shall **wear proper attire** during practice and games. Shirt and/or Jersey will be **tucked in**.
- e. **No jewelry** is allowed at any time.
- f. All scheduled **practices** are **mandatory** and **failure** to attend may result in limited playing time or even dismissal from the team. The player is responsible for notifying coaching staff of any absence. Many times the coaches will require a **sick or injured** player to **attend practice** in a learning capacity or to rehab an injury.

### **3. Exemplary behavior is expected:**

- a. Student-athletes will show respect to all faculty, coaches, administrators, parents, teammates, opposing coaches, opposing players & opposing parents all the time.
- b. Student-athletes will play by the rules and demonstrate good sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or any other event; will also treat each individual equally regardless of their race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- c. Student-athletes will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront the coaches at the game field. Students will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike like conduct such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures at any event or practice.
- d. Student-athletes will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of my teammates or the opposing team members.
- e. All Players and All parents will refrain from talking to the officials; unless a player is instructed to do so by the coach; **Show respect to all game personnel**.

### **4. Other Information:**

- a. If transportation is needed it will be coordinated by the head Coach of each program. Unless previous arrangements are **made in writing** (special circumstance), players must get their own ride to games unless they work something out with teammates or inform the coaches about not having a ride to and from games.
- b. From the first day of practice until the last game, **we expect total commitment from every member of the program**. Every day missed hurts both the team and individual. Try to make dental and doctor appointments at times that do not conflict with practice. **Family emergencies will be considered on an individual basis**. We consider sports at Rio Vista a privilege to be a part of. We ask nothing from our players we do not also expect from our coaches.

It is imperative that we teach our student-athletes to become effective communicators as young adults. Our players and coaches communicate on a daily basis on campus and in practice. **We require our players to discuss issues on a face to face basis, "away from the public's eye."** **If a player has a concern about their role in the program, it is their responsibility to set-up a meeting with the coach.** As parents, if your child has tried to communicate with the

coaching staff and a problem still exists; please feel free to **set up an appointment** to meet with the appropriate head coach and athletic coordinator. **These meetings will be set in an office setting only.** Playing time, the team assignment, and roster selection are made to benefit **the entire program**, they are **not items of discussion**. Please understand there is ZERO TOLERANCE for inappropriate behavior amongst players, parents, and/or coaching staff.

Thank you,

Josh Steiner  
RV Athletic Coordinator

**“Every season is a journey. Every journey is a lifetime.”**

**“Success isn't something that just happens- success is learned, success is practiced and then it is shared.”**

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Player Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Player Signature

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