



## **Dakota Ridge Athletics**

### **Student, Spectator, and Parent Packet**

*If removed from a game, must be completed and a meeting scheduled with Athletic Director or Activities Director.*

# PARENT'S PLEDGE

Cooperation among coaches, athletes, parents, and school personnel is essential if students are to realize the values of athletic participation. Like coaches and athletes, parents must make commitments to the athletic program to assure such cooperation. We ask you read and agree to the following **Pledge** and, as needed, discuss your reactions with your child's coach or the Athletic Director. Thanks for your help!

1. To accompany my child to as many orientation and informational meetings offered by the athletic department, as my schedule will permit.
2. To work closely with all school personnel to assure an appropriate academic as well as athletic experience for my child while he/she is in high school.
3. To assure that my child will attend all scheduled practices and athletic contests.
4. To require my child to abide by all training rules.
5. To acknowledge the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy and player selection.
6. To promote mature behavior from students and parents during athletic contests.
7. To work cooperatively with other parents and school personnel to assure a wholesome and successful athletic program for our school.
8. To show respect to coaches, opponents, other parents, officials, and game workers at all times.
9. To work closely with coaches and other school personnel to identify a reasonable and realistic future for my child as a student athlete, both in high school and in college.
10. To represent Dakota Ridge High School, its athletic program, and my student-athlete in a positive manner.

**I have read the above statements and promise to live up to them:**

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Parent's printed name

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Parent's signature

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Date

# CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

Please adhere to the following steps whenever important information regarding any aspect of the athletic program- including concerns, grievances, or questions- must be communicated. This process is supported by the Jefferson County Board of Education:

1. Players must first speak to their coach.
2. Assistant Coaches must first speak to the head coach in their sport.
3. The head coach must take his/her concerns directly to the Athletic Director. Communication is expected to be direct, not through the Athletic secretary.
4. If any player, parent, or assistant coach approaches the Athletics Director, they are referred immediately to the head coach. If it is a minor problem that can be resolved without interrupting the coach's time, Athletic Director will work on resolving it and keep the coach informed. Parents can request that the school's Athletic Director attends a meeting with a coach. The student-athlete's attendance is usually requested for any meeting.
5. The Athletic Director communicates to the principal.
6. The principal speaks to the area superintendent. If any player, parent, or assistant coach approaches the principal, they are referred immediately to the head coach or Athletic Director.

*DRHS Philosophy*

- Athletic achievement requires sincere commitment from all athletes, parents, coaches, and administrators. For success, effective communication must occur.
- The school athletic department and administration believe strongly in being accessible to parents and supportive of the coaching staff.
- We are continually attempting to improve communication with the students and parents. For our programs to be truly successful, it is necessary that everyone understand the focus and direction of the program.

*Your Expectations as a Parent:*

- A. Be supportive on the sideline or in the stands! Don't air your dirty laundry at sporting events!**
- B. Do not air your grievances with your athlete. Be there to support them and to listen.**
  1. Listen to your athletes and help them problem solve. They will become stronger adults with parents having them solve their own problems when applicable. Encourage them to discuss their situation with a coach that they have bonded with on the team. (see article "Are You A Rescuing Parent?" on website )
- C. It is reasonable to expect your child's coach to inform you:**
  1. When and where practices and contests are held.
  2. About his/her coaching philosophy.
  3. About the expectations he/she has for all athletes on the squad as well as your specific child.
  4. What is required to be part of the team, i.e., fees, special equipment, off- season programs, lettering requirements, etc.
  5. If your child is injured during participation in a practice or contest.
  6. Whenever any disciplinary action results in your son/daughter being denied participation in a practice or contest.
- D. Typical concerns of parents appropriate to discuss with a coach are:**
  1. Any unhealthy mental or physical strain you detect in your child at home (especially when it affects his/her academic performance).
  2. How you can contribute to your child's skill improvement and development.
  3. Any dramatic changes you detect in your child's behavior.

*Our Expectations as Coaches:*

- A. It is inappropriate to discuss with a coach:**
  1. Playing Time—it is expected that the athlete conduct this conversation.
  2. Team strategy or play calling
  3. Other student athletes
- B. Coaches often need parents to call them with:**
  1. Any specific health concerns about your son/daughter expressed directly and informally to the head coach at a mutually convenient time.
  2. Notification of schedule conflicts well in advance.
  3. Your commitment to the program, and how you plan to make a contribution to the program's success. For example, one way is to be sure that your child is at practice each day on time and to supervise that your child gets enough rest and nutrition at home.
  4. Strategies that have worked for you in dealing with your son/daughter being successful in the past.
- C. If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, what procedure should you follow?**
  1. Have your athlete talk to the coach first if applicable. If not--
  2. Make an appointment with the coach. Never approach the coach after a game unless the coach requests this.
  3. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletics Director to set up a meeting.
  4. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or following a contest or practice. These can be a busy and emotional time for both the parent and the coach and this period does not promote objective analysis of the situation.
- D. What should you do if the meeting with the coach does not result in a solution to the problem?**
  1. Call the Athletics Director to set up an appointment to discuss the situation.
  2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

# CHSAA Guidelines and Expectations

## **PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

- Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.
- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and they may make mistakes. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student/athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e., tailgating.)
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- Recognize and compliment the efforts of school and league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the rule of good SPORTING BEHAVIOR to that end.
- Be a positive role model through your own actions and by censuring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.

3.4.5 CHSAA By-Law-2240-The host school has the responsibility to ensure that an event is governed in a manner that emphasizes the educational values inherent in interscholastic activities. It is the host school's responsibility to remove any individual(s) creating a disturbance, which disrupt (s), the educational goals of the event.

Further, individuals, who by their actions, have become a constant disruption to the orderly governance of a high school activity shall be barred indefinitely by the school's principal, or his/her designee, from attending all high school activities at member school(s) and all district, regional and state playoff events. The CHSAA, league and offender must receive written notification of such action.

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To the best of my ability I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to adhere to the conduct guidelines as listed above.



September 20, 2021

Full name

Address line #1

Address line # 2

RE: Investigatory Trespass Notice

Recipient's Name:

Jeffco Public Schools takes seriously the needs of our students to have an educational environment free from disruption. Most recently, it has come to my attention that you have allegedly engaged in inappropriate behavior which resulted in a significant disturbance to the educational environment. Given the seriousness of the alleged behavior, the District will be conducting an inquiry into your behavior at which point you will be given an opportunity to respond to all allegations.

This letter is to serve as formal notice that effective today you may not enter or remain on the property of XXXXXXXX School pending the outcome of the inquiry. It is our expectation that during this period:

- You will remain in your vehicle should you need to drop your student off in the AM and pickup in the PM; you will not otherwise be allowed on school property.
- You will direct all communication you need to have with the school to me. I can be reached at phone number 303-982-XXXX or by email at XXXXXXXX@jeffco.k12.co.us
- Any necessary meetings with Jeffco staff will be held off-site at the District's Administration Office with the presence of my Achievement Director and Security and Emergency Management staff.

My sincere hope is that you understand the school's need to ensure a distraction free learning environment and respectfully await your opportunity to present your rebuttal. Failure to comply with this notice will be considered a violation of Colorado criminal code §18-9-110.

Regards,

Principal's Name

Title

Jefferson County Public Schools

cc: John McDonald, Security and Emergency Management

Craig Hess, Employee Relations and Legal Services

Name, Achievement Director,