

# **Student-Athlete & Parent Handbook**



**Rim of the World High School  
Fighting Scots**

---

---

## **Rim of the World Athletic Program**

---

---

Congratulations on your decision to become a Rim Athlete! For over 60 years, Rim teams have excelled in both the academic and athletic arenas. You are joining a tradition of excellence and pride that has been established by the many young men and women who have gone before you to create one of the best high school athletic programs in the United States. They expect for you and your teammates to set high performance goals and always put a “Rim Pride Effort” into all that you do.

Athletics is just one of many parts of the educational program at Rim of the World High School. The reason students are in school is to learn and therefore academics will always come first! Always give a “Rim Pride effort” in the academic arena AND in the athletic arena!

---

---

## **The Value of Co-Curricular Activities Aiding in Future Success**

---

---

Studies show that students involved in co-curricular activities have a greater chance of success during adulthood. Many of the positive character traits required to be a successful participant in athletics are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school.

**“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.”**

**- Vince Lombardi**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS TABLE OF CONTENTS

Rim of the World High School Sports .....	4-5
How to Participate in RIM Athletics .....	6
Sport Participation and Commitment .....	7
Student-Athlete Conduct & Behavior .....	8-10
RIM Code of Conduct	
Initiations/Hazing	
Transportation Rules .....	11
Riding Home with Parents	
Associated Student Body (ASB) .....	12
Cheer/Pep Squad	
NCAA Eligibility Center.....	13
Varsity Letter Information .....	14
Athletic Award Information .....	14-15
Varsity Athletic Awards	
San Andreas League Honors	
CIF Awards	
Parent Information .....	16-20
Athletic Event Conduct.....	21

## CONTINUE THE TRADITION!

### Rim of the World High School

Today's Rim athletes are working together to carry on the great tradition that is Rim athletics. These athletes will set the standard for all future Fighting Scots. All Rim athletes are encouraged to become true "student-athletes" by demonstrating **RIM PRIDE** and a championship caliber effort in the classroom and on the field. **BE A MULTIPLE SPORT ATHLETE!** The athletic department recommends that student-athletes participate in 2 or 3 sports each year of their high school career. This offers students the greatest opportunity to develop skills and compete against the best athletes in the state. **WORK HARD AND DO YOUR BEST!**

#### Sports offered at RHS

	<u>Mens' Sports- Varsity Coach</u>	<u>Womens' Sports- Varsity Coach</u>
<b>Fall Sports</b>		
	Football- Joe Jurado (Varsity/JV)	Volleyball- Kyle Pattison (Varsity/JV)
	Cross Country- Jen Broadrick (Varsity/JV)	Cross Country- Jen Broadrick (Varsity/JV) Tennis - Julie Perkins (Varsity/JV)
<hr/>		
<b>Winter Sports</b>		
	Basketball- Mike Lindeman (Varsity/JV)	Basketball- (Varsity/JV)
	Soccer- Eddie Patron (Varsity/JV)	Soccer- Steve Wallace (Varsity/JV)
	Wrestling- Pete Ferrara (Varsity/JV)	Wrestling- Pete Ferrara (Varsity/JV)
	Ski/Snowboard- Debbie Bennet (Varsity)	Ski/Snowboard- Debbie Bennet (Varsity)
<hr/>		
<b>Spring Sports</b>		
	Baseball- Brandon Downey (Varsity/JV)	Softball- Jason Ortiz (Varsity/JV)

Track & Field- Joe Jurado  
(Varsity/JV) April Maier

Track & Field- Joe Jurado  
(Varsity/JV) April Maier

Mountain Bike- Kathy Horton  
(Varsity/JV)

Mountain Bike- Kathy Horton  
(Varsity/JV)

Tennis- Julie Perkins  
(Varsity/JV)

Golf- Adrian Williams  
(Varsity/JV)

Volleyball- Oksana Ortega  
(Varsity/JV)

Rim of the World High School competes in the San Andreas League. With the exception of ski and mountain bike our school competes against: Arroyo Valley, Eisenhower, Jurupa Hills, Rialto and San Geronimo.

**Scholarship \* Class \* Outwork\* Tenacity \* Service**  
***Go Scots!!***

**Rim**  
**ATHLETICS**

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN RIM ATHLETICS

Your decision to become a Rim student-athlete is a privilege and an honor. Each student-athlete must complete the following requirements in order to be eligible for athletic play on any RIM sports team in accordance with both CIF-SS and Rim of the World Unified School District policy.

1. Complete the “Athletic Packet”. This can be found on the schools athletic website. There is a link for parents to register at [www.athleticclearance.com](http://www.athleticclearance.com)
2. Students-athletes must complete a physical every school year. The physical will be good for all seasons of sports that year. The physical will be uploaded on [www.athleticclearance.com](http://www.athleticclearance.com) as well.
3. Student-athletes must be academically eligible for play. A student-athlete must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and pass at least 4 classes at each official grading period (quarter and semester). No student-athlete may have more than 1 F at the end of a grading period.
4. Be eligible under all CIF Rules and Regulation
5. Understand and follow all school and team policies wither regard to conduct, attitude and proper training habits. (See Rim Code of Conduct on following pages)

**“Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”**

**-John Wooden**

---

---

## Sport Participation and Commitment

---

---

The decision by a student-athlete and their family to participate in the RIM sports program is a “**privilege**” and not a “right.” Every student attending Rim of the World High School is encouraged to participate in athletics and other co-curricular activities.

The decision to participate also involves a commitment to do their best to become the best student-athlete they can possibly be and to be a part of a team. To be successful, every member of the team must work together to make the whole greater than the sum of the parts. This commitment will be challenging and difficult at times but will help every participant to become a better person by being involved. All participants are expected to fulfill this commitment for the entire season.

In certain special situations, a coach may allow a student-athlete to be released from his/her commitment to that sport with parent permission. **“Quitting” a sport is not an acceptable action by any participant at Rim of the World High School.** Difficult challenges are a part of adult life and learning how to deal with these challenges are a big part of the values of athletic participation. If a student-athlete quits a sport, they will not participate in another sport until that sport ends their season.

---

---

## Come Ready to Play

Athletes are responsible for coming to practice every day on time, ready to listen and ready to learn. All participants should be physically and mentally prepared for the season. This includes training in the pre-season and taking care of your body and mind during the season. Excused absences should be rare and not common place. Parents should endeavor to schedule doctor/dentist or any other non emergency appointment outside of practice time.

---

---

## Student-Athlete Concerns

If you have a concern about the team or your role on the team, it is important for you to arrange a time to meet with your coach to discuss the issue. Your coach will do his/her best to give an honest evaluation of your status. Many times this coach-to-athlete meeting can resolve issues or questions.

---



---

# Student-Athlete Conduct & Character

---



---

All RIM student-athletes are expected to “do what is right.” As young adults, you have learned the difference between what is right and what is wrong from your parents, family, teachers and coaches. The **RIM CODE OF CONDUCT** is designed to help student-athletes “SAY NO” when they are in difficult situations and must choose to make a correct decision.

Rim of the World High School has earned athletic success because of the tremendous “team spirit” within our athletic program. TEAM FIRST is the goal for all our players. Before you act, think of your teammates first and if your actions will have a positive effect on your team.

The following CODE OF CONDUCT has been established and all student-athletes should know the rules and consequences if they choose to violate this code.

---



---

## RIM CODE OF CONDUCT

---



---

### **PREAMBLE:**

Athletic participation can be one of the most significant formative experiences in a young person’s life. It gives a great deal of pleasure and builds friendships that can stand the test of time. In our school, athletics is an integral part of the educational program. Athletics teaches sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication, perseverance, appreciation for improvement, desire to succeed and excel, self-discipline, responsibility, leadership and quick thinking.

Participation in interscholastic athletics is voluntary. It is a privilege, not a right and carries with it the responsibilities of sportsmanship, honor and pride on the playing field, on the campus and in the community. Following this athletic code will aid you in building team morale, discipline and spirit. Therefore, you should take it upon yourself to become the very best athlete and team member possible, for you alone have the power to achieve or fail in these goals.

It is recommended that all coaches and athletes apply the standard of this code while participating in the athletic program of the Rim of the World Unified School District.

### **I. CONDUCT**

The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas of life. It is important that one’s behavior be above reproach in the following areas:

**In the Classroom:** A RIM athlete maintains prompt and regular attendance; maintains his/her grades in accordance with CIF and school district rules; strives to become a good student and citizen; shows proper respect for faculty members and other

students at all times; and if suspended from school, will not practice or participate until suspension is over.

**On the Field:** A RIM athlete plays fair, refrains from using profanity, is courteous and hospitable to visiting teams, respects the integrity and judgment of officials and accepts their decisions, controls his/her temper and maintains his/her poise, is gracious in defeat and humble in victory.

**On & Off Campus:** A RIM athlete: demonstrates a high standard of conduct, as it reflects not only on oneself, but one's team, coach and school; Rim Athletes are standout citizens in their community earning respect by showing they respect the faculty, their peers and the community.

**On Athletic Trips:** A RIM athlete demonstrates a high standard of conduct as a representative of the school, community, family and coach; respects the property of others; travels to and from athletic contests on district provided transportation; and can only be released to the parent by a coach. Rim Athletes abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Rim of the World Unified School District, CIF and their coaches.

## II. DRESSING AND GROOMING

Dress and grooming standard shall conform to Rim of the World Unified School District regulations. Coaches may require that hair be restrained in an appropriate head covering and other grooming and dress standards that are more restrictive be implemented in order to insure compliance with necessary safety precautions.

**Game Days:** Coaches may ask their teams to dress in similar game day attire in order to place the team above the individual. If a student is unable to dress in this fashion the coach will ensure that the student-athlete has access to any necessary items. Unwillingness is **NOT** the same as inability

## III. TRAINING RULES AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONING

Rim of the World Unified student-athletes will refrain from the use of tobacco (in any form), alcohol and other illegal drugs. Proper diet and adequate sleep are equally important to the physical conditioning of an athlete. Athletes should protect themselves and their team by abstaining from anything that would harm their health.

## IV. ENFORCEMENT DUE TO VIOLATION OF RULES

- A. Non adherence to the aforementioned regulations will result in disciplinary action by the coaches, athletic director and administrators of the school.
- B. Violations of the Athletic Code will result in one or **MORE** of the following penalties when recommended by the coach and athletic director with approval by the principal:

1. Placement on probation.
2. Removal from one or more of the next scheduled contests.
3. Referral for assessment and/or treatment of any alcohol/drug violation, and/or any criminal activity.
4. Removal from the team.
5. Forfeiture of letter, letterman's jacket privileges or the like award.

## V. INITIATIONS AND HAZING

All RIM student-athletes are expected to be leaders and “mentors” of our younger students. Lead by being a positive example to all those around you. Leave a LEGACY that is distinguished by positivity during your time at Rim of the World HS. Initiation rituals or hazing of any RIM student-athlete is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** and will not be tolerated! Any RIM student who violates this rule will be subject to a “RIM Code” violation and further discipline.

---



---

# CIF CODE OF ETHICS- ATHLETES

---



---

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
11. Win with character, lose with dignity.

---

---

## TRANSPORTATION RULES

---

---

The goal for all RIM athletic bus trips is for the driver to say that that was the best behaved group of student-athletes that he/she has ever had on the bus. Poor attitude and improper conduct by a few RIM teams and activity groups on bus trips can cause problems for all teams.

**THESE ACTIONS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE OR ACCEPTABLE!** This can create a negative image of our program for all teams. Our Rim of the World bus drivers currently request to be assigned to athletic trips. Many of our drivers wear their RIM gear and make it a point to come to as many contests as possible. They are some of our **GREATEST** fans!

All RIM student-athletes are responsible for their own behavior at all times. Your conduct reflects on your family, your team and our school. Here are the rules that each person must follow on all trips:

1. Do what is right
2. Treat other the way you wish to be treated
3. Listen and follow all the instructions given by your bus driver
4. Be prepared in case of any emergency situation.
5. Be respectful during all parts of your trip (when you get on to when you get off the bus).
6. Thank the bus driver for when your trip is over.

If a situation occurs where it is reported that a RIM student-athlete does not follow the above rules, he/she will be suspended from the next away contest. Stiffer penalties will result if the violation of rules is repeated.

---

---

## PARENT CHECK OUT POST GAME

---

---

All RIM student-athletes will ride to and return from all athletic contests on the team bus unless prior approval has been given by the **Athletic Director** (or in emergency situations as per coach discretion).

In some cases, it may be necessary for a student-athlete to be released after a contest to ride home with their parents due to an unavoidable situation or multiple activities scheduled on the same day. Advanced planning by the student-athlete and their parents is a **MUST!**

A written note must be given in person to the **Athletic Director** at least 24 hours in advance of the event. The athletic director will approve the request and forward a signed copy of the note to the coach for his/her records.

Student-athletes will only be released from a contest to their parent(s) or a person listed on the emergency card. This is Rim of the World Unified School District policy

**EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:** If an emergency situation occurs (medical, family, etc.) where advanced permission was not possible, the coach will use their discretion and judgment. Forgetting to get advance permission does not constitute an emergency.

---



---

## EQUIPMENT & FEES

---



---

At the conclusion of each season, student-athletes are required to return all school issued equipment/uniforms and are responsible for paying for lost items. In addition, all fees must be paid in full. Any equipment and/or fees that have not been paid will result in a student-athlete being held out of performance events until this responsibility has been completed.

All necessary equipment and items that are required to play an athletic contest are provided by the Rim of the World Unified School District and as so are their property. If you would like something different then the gear you are provided you may purchase your own. Please understand when doing so that it must meet CIF and NFHS standards.

---



---

## ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY (ASB)

---



---

The Rim of the World High School ASB provides above and beyond financial and spiritual support for all RIM teams. ASB funds purchase all patches, awards, certificates as well as pay for all official fees and any dues required by both the CIF-SS and CIF STATE office. Our ASB has always supported athletics at RIM unconditionally. Every fighting scot student-athlete should purchase an ASB CARD as a show of support for our loyal ASB. The money raised by our ASB is returned to RIM students in many ways throughout the school year.

---



---

## CHEER TEAM

---



---

The Rim of the World High School “Cheer Team” is responsible for supporting and cheering for all RIM teams as well as being a competitive performance team! The time, hard work and commitment of all members of our cheer units equal that of our RIM sport teams. On many occasions, RIM teams play in as many as four different sites and times in one day. It is impossible for our cheer team members to be at all events and still maintain solid academic standing. As a RIM student-athlete, you are asked to understand and support the role of our cheer team units. They are a big part of the success of our entire athletic family.

---

---

## NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

---

---

Many college athletic programs are regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an organization founded in 1906 that has established rules on eligibility, recruiting and financial aid. The NCAA has three membership divisions: Division I, Division II and Division III. Institutions are members of one or another division according to the size and scope of their athletic programs and whether they provide athletic scholarships.

If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division I or Division II athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. The Eligibility Center was established as a separate organization by the NCAA member institutions in January 1993. The Center ensures consistent interpretation of NCAA initial-eligibility requirements for all prospective student-athletes at all member institutions.

### **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A STUDENT ATHLETE**

It is your responsibility to make sure the Eligibility Center has the documents it needs to certify you. These documents are:

- Your complete and signed Student Release Form and fee
- Your official transcript mailed directly from ALL high schools you have attended
- Your SAT or ACT scores
- Foreign Student Application, if it is applicable to you.

When do you start the process?

If you want to participate in Division I or Division II athletics, plan to start the certification process early – usually the end of your junior year in high school.

This publication is available free of charge from your high school counselor. See your counselor for more information.

**“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence”**

-Dennis Waitley

---

---

## VARSITY LETTERS AND VARIOUS COMMENDATIONS

---

---

1. **Varsity letter:** Only those athletes who have earned a varsity letter at the conclusion of their sport may wear the letter jacket of Rim of the World High School. Letters for varsity sports may be purchased in the athletic office after the varsity coach has turned in his/her list of varsity letter recipients to the athletic office following the conclusion of their sport season. See Mrs. Tennant our athletics assistant, to receive your letter. A student-athlete **must complete** their sport season in good standing to be eligible to wear a RIM Varsity Letter.
  - Varsity letter recipients may purchase one letter only at the time they earn their first varsity letter. Athletes that letter multiple years will be given gold bars for each year they letter there after. Varsity Letters are **FREE** for students with an ASB Card and will be \$30 for any student who does not have an ASB Card. Bars will be given **FREE** for students with ASB cards and for \$5 for those without.
2. **Scholar-Athlete Patches** are awarded to those athletes who have earned a varsity letter and have earned a minimum 3.5 GPA (Patches cost \$5.00 with an ASB Card and \$15.00 without an ASB Card.) Athletes may purchase one patch only. Patches may be obtained in the Athletic Office. See Mrs. Bunkers in the ASB office to pay for your award, she will then give you a receipt which will be turned in to Mrs. Tennant in the Athletic office and you will be given your patch.
3. **Triple Threat or three-Sport Athlete Patches** are awarded, free of charge, to all athletes who letter in three varsity sports in the same year. With the exception of a scholar athlete patch this is the greatest distinction any Fighting Scot can earn during their time at RIM.
4. **Captain's Insignia** Varsity teams and head coaches sometimes designate captains for the season or portions of a season. These captains are eligible to wear a captain's "C" on their letter jackets. Inserts are available at no cost in the athletic office to students with an ASB card and \$10 for those who don't. At the conclusion of the season, head coaches send a list of captains to the athletic office (limit 2 captains for sports with under 20 players and 4 for teams with 20 or more players)

5. **Hall of Fame Award** This special award is presented to a senior athlete who as deemed by the head coach and coaching staff, has brought special recognition to their sport through their attitude, effort and performance. Hall of Fame Award recipients receive a Lifetime Pass to all RIM home athletic events for the student-athlete and a guest. Recipients' names are placed on the perpetual plaque located inside the school.
6. **Individual Honors Per Sport:** It is the RIM way to promote team ahead of individuals always. Each team will recognize one member with the **Iron Scot Award** at the conclusion of each season. This award is presented to the student-athlete who represented the team in all phases of competition, practice, academics and in the community.
7. **Retired Number & Banners:** In very special cases, a RIM student-athlete will be honored by having their number retired and/or a banner in their name raised in the gym. The criteria for this prestigious award are the student-athlete's performance in the athletic arena as well as outstanding citizenship, leadership and attitude during their four years at Rim of the World HS. Minimum performance criteria are: multiple years All-CIF First Team or CIF Individual Champion, or CIF Player-of-the-Year, or All-American recognition

**“Friendships born on the field of athletic strife are the real gold of competition. Awards become corroded, friends gather no dust”**

**-Jesse Owens**

---

---

## Information for Parents

---

---

### **Parent/Coach Relationship & Communication**

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult jobs. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to our children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have the right to understand the expectations that are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from your student-athlete's coach. **Participation in high school athletics is a privilege and not a right.**

### **Communication you can expect from your student-athletes coach**

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. The coaches preferred method of contact
3. Team requirements (pre-season, in season, off season, special equipment, spirit gear).
4. Locations and times of practices and games.
5. The availability of the coach to speak with your student if they have a problem.
6. Expectations the coach and staff have for your student as well as the team as a whole.
7. Discipline that may result if your student-athlete doesn't abide by district, school and team policies.
8. Procedures that should follow in the case that your student-athlete is injured during practice or a contest.

### **Communication coaches can expect from parents**

1. Concerns which are expressed directly and at the appropriate time to the head coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts which involve absence from practice (this must be done at least 2 weeks in advance to be deemed excused).
3. Your support for the program that your student is involved in and positive encouragement for all involved.

### **Challenges and benefits of High School Sports**

Interscholastic sports at Rim of the World High School will offer some of the most rewarding moments and experiences in your student-athletes lives. It is important to understand that there will also be times of defeat, setbacks and challenges. In short things will not always go the way your student-athlete wants. This is the time when your **STUDENT-ATHLETE** should set up a time to talk to his/her coach. This type of communication will help give both the coach and the athlete a better understanding of each others ideas and goals. This is also a part of a young person's growth into being an adult.

### **Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches**

It is very difficult to accept that your student-athlete may not play as much as you may have hoped. Our coaches are experienced, professional educators. They use their experience and expertise to coach young men and women and are required to make judgment decisions based upon evaluation of practice performance and what they believe to be in the best interest of all those involved in their program. As you read the items below, certain topics can and should be discussed with your student-athlete's coach.

1. Concerns about your student-athlete's behavior and/or academic progress
2. Suggestions about ways to help your student-athlete improve.

### **Issues NOT Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches**

The following issues are left to the discretion of the coach:

1. Team Strategy
2. Play calling/game strategy
3. Other Student-athletes
4. Playing Time

### **What To Do If You Have a Concern – Here is the Procedure**

1. Have your student-athlete meet with his/her coach to discuss an issue. On most occasions, this coach-to-athlete meeting can resolve issues or questions. As stated earlier, this is part of our young men and women learning to grow as adults.
2. Call/Email the coach directly to discuss your concern. Leave your name, telephone number, and a short message and the coach will return your call/email.
3. Please **DO NOT EVER** attempt to talk to a coach before or after a contest or practice. Our coaches are responsible for supervision and safety of their athletes. In addition, these can be emotional times for both the parents and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

### **If a Next Step is Necessary**

What can a parent do if the coach-athlete meeting (Step 1) AND the parent-coach meeting (Step 2) did not provide resolution:

Call Rim of the World High School (909) 336-3028 ext 244 or email and set-up an appointment with Athletic Director Ryan Reisbord ([ryan\\_reisbord@rimsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ryan_reisbord@rimsd.k12.ca.us)), and the coach to discuss the situation. At this meeting, issues of concern will be discussed and an appropriate plan of action developed.

**Being a Supportive Parent**  
**(taken from Coach Herb Meyer, El Camino HS, CIF San Diego Section)**

1. Be positive with your child.
2. Don't offer excuses for your child if they are not playing.
3. Don't "put down" the coaches – be supportive in front of your children.
4. Encourage your child to follow the team rules.
5. Insist on good grades!
6. Don't develop envy toward other players because you don't like their parents.
7. Don't be a know-it-all.
8. Insist on your child's respect for team rules, game officials, and sportsmanship.
9. Encourage your child to improve their self-image by believing in themselves.
10. Encourage your child to play "for the love of the game."

**Work to Develop Positive Sports Parenting**  
**(by George Selleck, Sports Psychologist)**

- Use sports to reinforce family values.
- Teach children to cope with frustration.
- Teach children to make good choices about tobacco, drugs and alcohol.
- Build character.
- Teach children to respect themselves and others.
- Communicate effectively with the coach.

**A "CODE OF CONDUCT" for Parents**  
**(by Dr. Laura Finch, Western Illinois University)**

- Remain in the spectator area during competition.
- Do NOT yell instructions or criticisms to the players.
- Make no derogatory comments to players, other parents or fans; officials, or administrators.
- Do NOT interfere with your child's coach.
- Be willing to let the coach be responsible for your child during the duration of the contest.
- Provide unconditional love, acceptance and emotional support regardless of the games' outcome.

## **Team Selection**

### **A Letter to Parents and Student-Athletes**

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student-Athlete: In each program, a coach and/or coaches are hired by the school district to be responsible for team selection. Criteria for selection are established by the head coach with input from the entire coaching staff. This may be a subjective process. Team selection, practices and decisions regarding game situations are the responsibility of the coaching staff.

The Rim of the World High School athletic program is highly competitive. In certain sports, we are not able to place every child who wishes to participate on a team. While this is not our desire, this is a reality. The most difficult task facing our coaches is to let great young men and women know that they were not selected for a team. Doing so is not something that coaches like at all.

Please be sure when your child tries out for a team, both you and they understand there is a very real possibility they may not be selected. If selected, both you and your child should be prepared to accept placement at any level, i.e. freshman, junior varsity, or varsity. It is disturbing to have a student try out for a team and then quit when they are not placed where they think they should be. By doing this, they have taken away someone else's opportunity to be on a team. At RIM, quitting a sport is not accepted. When a student-athlete chooses to participate in a sport, their commitment lasts for the entire season.

Normally, during the tryout period, coaches have a limited amount of time to make team selections. They do the best they can in keeping the most talented athletes, filling positions for play, and placing athletes on the proper team. Coaches are under a great deal of pressure to assemble the most competitive team possible. Any one of us might select different athletes for the team. We believe it is the coaches' responsibility to select the team with whom they will work for the entire season.

Our experience in athletics reveals there are many "select or traveling teams" sponsored by many different organizations. Participation on a "select or traveling team" does not guarantee any player a spot on a high school team. While we believe players can gain valuable experience outside of the school athletic program, neither parents nor students should count on this type of participation to "guarantee" a spot on a high school team.

The main goal of a competitive athletic program is to put the most talented members of the team in competition. Starting positions and playing time are not guaranteed to seniors making the team, or anyone else for that matter. Each member of the team is very valuable to the team's

overall progress. Some members may play a great deal of the time in a contest while others may not see what a parent would consider “significant” playing time.

Each student- athlete should have personal improvement as one of his/ her goals. By being a member of a team, regardless of time spent in actual competition, a person can learn many valuable lessons. Among them are: citizenship, sportsmanship, working together to meet team goals, responsibility, commitment to team and school, loyalty, placing team above self, learning to accept instruction and criticism, respect for others, winning and losing with dignity, self-control, and being responsible for one’s own actions.

We sincerely hope this helps you to understand the goals and philosophies of the competitive athletic program at RIM.

## **RIM PRIDE**



## Conduct at Athletic Events

Thank you for attending today's event. We hope that you enjoy the contest! In order to provide a pleasant and safe environment for all spectators and participants, all participating schools' staff and students ask that all fans do the following:

- REMEMBER that this is a high school athletic event. All participants (players, coaches, officials, and fans) are involved in this phase of education of our student-athletes. Our San Andreas League schools endorse the principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor. All involved should display proper sportsmanship and play by the rules of the game because it's the right thing to do!
- Do not coach from the bleachers, it embarrasses you, your child and those seated near you.
- Support your team by being a positive representative of your family and your school.
  - Cheer for good play
  - Refrain from intimidating or harassing players, coaches, officials, or other fans.
  - Use proper language at all times.
  - Remain in assigned seating areas – spectators are not allowed in the playing area.
  - Follow safety rules and CIF regulations.

Admission to this event is a privilege and not a license to display insensitive or offensive behavior.

Coaches, program administrators, sport officials, and the athletes themselves have a right to demand that spectators conform to acceptable standards of behavior.

**Enjoy the event by being a FAN, not a fanatic!!**

