



## Rim of the World High School – Parent Code of Conduct

- Make sure your child knows win or lose, that you will love them, you appreciate their efforts, and you are not disappointed in them. Keep your comments positive and encouraging.
- Try your best to be completely honest about your child’s athletic capability, competitive attitude, sportsmanship, and actual skill level
- Be helpful, but don’t “coach” on the way to the track, diamond, or court...on the way home...at breakfast...and so on. Your child already has one or many coaches.
- Teach them to enjoy the thrills of competition, trying, working, improving their skills and attitudes, taking the physical bumps and coming back for more
- Try not to relive your athletic life through your child in a way that creates pressure. Remember, you fumbled too; you lost as well as won; you were frightened; you backed off at times; and you were not always heroic. Don’t pressure them because of your pride.
- Don’t compete with the coach. The young athlete often comes home and chatters on about “coach says this, coach says that.” This is often hard to take, especially for a father or mother who has some sports experience.
- Don’t compare the skills, courage, or attitudes of your child with that of other members of the squad or team, at least not in front of them.
- Always remember that children tend to exaggerate both when praised and when criticized. Temper your reactions to their tales of woe or heroics they bring home.
- Making a point of understanding courage, and the fact that it is relative. Explain to your youngster that courage does not mean an absence of fear, but means doing something in spite of fear or discomfort.
- Never approach a coach on game day to talk about your child, before, during, or after a contest. Please wait, let things settle down a bit, and make an appointment for the next day.
- Never talk to other players, “coach” other players, or compare your child to other players. Keep comments positive and encouraging with good sportsmanship in mind.

I am aware and understand that I am not a coach. I am a parent. I will support my child, the RHS athletics. I will not interfere during practices or games. I understand I can be asked to leave an event or be suspended from events if my behavior becomes unacceptable.

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Printed Parent Name

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Student Name

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Signature

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Date