

Rivergate's 2023-2024

Interschool Sports Policy and Contract

Rivergate Adventist Elementary is a Seventh-Day Adventist school participating in the Metro Christian League. Students can choose to participate in the seasonal sports of Volleyball, Soccer, and Basketball. Rivergate is committed to a strong interscholastic activities program for all students.

Motto: Leaning into Christ. Leading with Compassion. Living with Confidence

Vision: Leaning into Christ: Students know they exist because God planned for them and He loves them beyond measure. Leading with Compassion: Students will empower others to live kind, compassionate, joyful, fun and positive lives by lacing all their conversations with grace. Living with Confidence: In our ever-changing diverse world each student is an active leader of their education.

Mission: Together with the caring partnership of parents, faculty, and local churches, it is the mission of Rivergate Adventist Elementary to educate students in the truth of God's word in every area of instruction and activity, so they can share God with others and live eternally for Him.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Purpose of Interschool Sports is:

1. To provide a successful Interschool Sports Program with Christ-centered leadership that guides our school, players, and spectators in activities that uphold Christian values.
2. Intentionally teach sportsmanship, ethical conduct, teamwork, and fair play in a Christ centered environment.
3. To advance spiritual, physical, mental, moral and social development as it relates to sports activities and the growth of an individual player and of an entire team.
4. To emphasize the relationship between sports and academic curriculum in the well-balanced growth of a student.
5. To teach the values of playing/performing fairly while upholding our Vision and Mission.
6. To respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
7. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and fans.

Communication Chain:

If you have concerns, please communicate in this order:

1st Athletic Director (AD)

2nd Principal

3rd School Board Chair

Expectations for Student Athletes:

- All team members are constantly in the public eye. They are viewed both by the Rivergate community and the communities of the schools we come into contact with. It is important that all athletes represent Rivergate's high standards at all times including pre-game, game time, and post-game.

Student Athlete's Eligibility:

1. A student must maintain a 70% overall grade in all of their classes during the sports season that they are participating in.
2. A student who is not achieving at least a 70% will be given 1 week to bring up their grade(s). After the 1 week period, they will not be allowed to participate in a sporting event before their grade has been improved. Grades will be checked on Tuesday's. If you have questions, please reach out to the teacher or Athletic Director.
3. A student that is absent from school or unable to participate in P.E. class due to health reasons may not participate in a sporting event held on that same day.
4. A student athlete's paperwork and dues must be current to be eligible to participate in each sport.
5. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and will affect a student's eligibility for future participation.
6. All practices and games are mandatory attendance. Exceptions can be made if advance communication is had with the Athletic Director and Head Coach of participating sports. Athlete's are expected to put forth 100% effort and 100% participation toward the team's objective.

Coaches and Supporting Staff:

1. Coaches and staff will uphold Christ-like behavior at all times, supporting the Mission and Values of the school through mentorship and have a passion for helping students grow in character through sports. All team events should start and end with prayer or worship.
2. Coaches and staff will abide by the Coaches Guidelines reviewed with the Athletic Director.
3. Coaches are required to have their background check submitted and approved by the Oregon Conference before they are allowed to coach any sport.
https://www.ncsrisk.org/adventist/registration/reg_2.cfm?ac=15037690021&theme=0
4. Coaches will complete "Coaching Distinctively Adventist Sports" from the following link:
<https://www.adventistlearningcommunity.com/courses/coaching-distinctively-adventist-sports> .
Copies of completion certificates need to be on file at the school.
5. Coaches will complete the online Safe Schools First Aid & CPR classes.
<https://oregonconference-or.safeschools.com> (Contact Fawn Fahrer for assistance and login info. 503-850-3551 fawn.fahrer@oc.npuc.org)
6. Coaches will do their best to respect time commitments outlined in the sports schedule. Any variations to the posted sports schedule will be communicated 48 hours in advance to parents and staff via established communication tools by approved Coach, AD, or school staff (if applicable).
7. Coaches will respect and maintain school equipment, property, policies and procedures.

Expectations for Spectators/Parents/Guardians:

1. Spectators and parents must reflect Christ-centered behavior in their conduct at all times. (i.e. No Booming, no taunting, no negative gestures or negative comments directed to athletes, officials, or spectators)
2. As a parent or guardian, it is expected that you help your athlete achieve participation and attendance to all sporting events when possible.
3. Student spectators must be properly supervised by an appropriate adult.
4. Spectators and parents must not verbally or physically abuse any players, coaches, or officials.

5. Spectators and parents should applaud good play by either side.
6. Areas used by spectators should be left free of litter.

Transportation:

Each family will need to coordinate on any group carpooling. No school coordinated carpooling will be provided.

Uniforms:

1. Uniforms will be checked out to each player at the beginning of the season. Players are responsible for their uniforms from the time they are checked out until the uniforms are checked in at the end of the season.
2. Uniforms will be provided by the school. Pieces that players/parents must provide are listed below per sport (note coaches may recommend additional items):
 - Volleyball – Knee pads, shorts that cover the upper 3/4th of leg above the knee, shoes, socks, water bottle.
 - Basketball – shoes, socks, water bottle
 - Soccer - Cleats, socks, water bottle, shin guards recommended
3. **Uniforms will not be handed out to a player until dues are taken care of and forms are completed and turned in.**
4. Players are not allowed to participate in a game if they do not have all the needed gear to play. 5. The uniform return deadline is 7 days past the last team event. Please read the care instructions before washing.

Athletic Dues:

1. Rivergate's athletic program operates on donations, fundraisers and dues to help pay for expenses. Consequently, all students selected for a school team are required to pay dues to cover Athletic expenses.
 - **Rivergate Enrolled Student's Sports Dues - \$100**
 - **Non-Rivergate Enrolled Student's Sports Dues - \$150**

Philosophy and Structure of different sport by sport and grade:

● Volleyball

- o 5th/6th Volleyball – Develop the necessary skills to play the basic game of volleyball, serving, passing, movement, teamwork and rules in a Christ-centered Sportsmanship environment. Playing time for all is the goal. **This level does not track league win/loss and does not have playoffs or championships so court-time is the goal for all.**
- o 7th/8th Volleyball – Continue with the skills of 5th/6th volleyball but adding goals of three hits, control, higher competitiveness. Generate a love for the game for the entire team, building relationships with God, teammates and school. Maintaining an environment that is Christ-centered and sportsmanship minded. The goal is to optimize each athletes' potential through practice and play to prepare each athlete for the next level of play (high-school). **Playing time is a goal for all athletes to optimize the success and efforts of each individual athlete and team.** Taking the opportunity to have as many positive/teachable moments as possible not only as an athlete but as a Christian.

- **Basketball**

- o 5th/6th Girls and Boys – Continue developing the necessary skills to play the game of basketball by building fundamentals and teamwork in a Christ-centered environment. **There is no win/loss tracked in the league, so court-time is the goal for all.** There is no postseason, playoffs, or championships.
- o 7th/8th Girls and Boys – Take the skills and fundamentals learned with junior varsity basketball and continue to develop those skills and fundamentals in a Christ-centered environment with a higher level of competitiveness while maintaining sportsmanship. The goal is to optimize each athlete’s potential through practice and game-play preparing them for the next level (high-school). **Playing time is a goal for all athletes to optimize the success and efforts of each individual athlete and team.** Taking the opportunity to have as many positive/teachable moments as possible not only as an athlete but as a Christian.

- **Soccer**

- o K - 2nd Soccer Co-Ed - Begin teaching the fundamentals of soccer and how to work together on a team. Learning and having fun in a Christ-centered sportsmanship environment with no focus on score or win/loss.
- o 3rd - 5th Soccer Co-Ed - Learn the basic skills and fundamentals of the game with focus on all participating and having fun in a Christ-centered sportsmanship environment with no focus on win/loss or scores. All while building a love for the game. **A balance of playing time for all is the goal.**
- o Jr. High Coed - Take the skills and fundamentals learned in prior years and dial them in. Maintaining an environment that is Christ-centered and sportsmanship minded. The goal is to optimize each athlete’s potential through practice and play to prepare each athlete for the next level of play (high-school). **Playing time is a goal for all athletes to optimize the success and efforts of each individual athlete and team.** Taking the opportunity to have as many positive/teachable moments as possible not only as an athlete but as a Christian. This level does keep track of win/loss and does have post-season playoffs and a championship.

Acknowledgement of Rivergate Sports Contract

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____, to participate in the Rivergate after school program. I acknowledge there are inherent risks involved in the sport due to the physical nature of the sport and assume responsibility for those risks. I acknowledge that playing interschool sports may increase my child's risk of contracting COVID-19. I acknowledge and uphold the standards listed in the above documentation and will abide by school and state COVID-19 guidelines.

Participating Sport (Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball)

Student Athlete (Printed Name, Signature and Date)

Parent or Guardian (Printed Name, Signature and Date)

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