

RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – PLAYER PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORM (Revised 2012.09.02)

PARENTS: In order to be eligible to participate as a representative of _____, this form must be completed by the athlete and their parent/legal guardian for this athletic activity.

_____ is a member of Richmond Secondary Schools' Athletic Association (RSSAA), Vancouver and District Inter-High School Athletic Association (V&DIHSAA), and BC SCHOOL SPORTS (BCSS) and subscribes to Rules and Regulations of these Associations.

The athletic program offered by _____ is a voluntary experience in which students may or may not choose to participate. Accidents may occur while participating in this activity. These accidents may cause injury. Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur without any fault on either the part of the student, or the school board or its employees or agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in this activity you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring. If you have any questions or concerns about this activity, please contact the Athletic Director.

By selecting to participate in this program, however, the student must respect and abide by these sets of standards. Violation of these standards may result in suspension and/or removal from the inter-high school athletic program. Because the student represents the entire school, the student must demonstrate appropriate conduct on and off the field in a manner that will always reflect the high standards and ideals of our school and the community. Therefore, the following regulations pertain to a student who represents _____ and the Richmond School District in this athletic program.

DISCIPLINE NOTICE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. It shall be the responsibility of sponsors and/or coaches to advise their competitors their parent's/legal guardian in writing at the beginning of each season of the rules and regulations which govern their conduct while they are participating in activities under the jurisdiction of the RSSAA, the V&DIHSAA and/or BC School Sports.
2. Competitors shall be advised by their sponsor and/or coach of possible penalties which may result from contravention of said rules and regulations. This information may be given in writing.
3. Notwithstanding the requirements of (a) and (b) above, failure of the RSSAA, V&DIHSAA, or coaches and/or sponsors to advise competitors of applicable rules, regulations, and penalties shall not be accepted as justification for any violation of said rules and regulations.

JURISDICTION

Any time a student represents a member school, the student is under the jurisdiction of the RSSAA with regard to discipline, whether playing another member of this Association or not.

1. BC SCHOOL SPORTS (BCSS):

- 1.1. BC SCHOOL SPORTS (BCSS), as the governing body for secondary school sport in British Columbia, its recognized Athletic Associations (Bylaw XIII) and its Sports Commissions (Bylaw 11.1.5 and Operating Policy 5.1) have jurisdiction over Disciplinary Policies and Procedures as stated in the BCSS Competitive Policies - Section 8 and the BCSS Harassment Policies (Operating Policies 6.2).
- 1.2. Any disciplinary action taken by a Member School, a recognized Athletic Association or a Sport Commission against a participant will be recognized by all Member Schools, Athletic Associations and Sport Commissions. This includes membership-wide adherence to any disciplinary action taken involving a probationary period, a suspension or a warning.
- 1.3. The disciplinary jurisdiction of BCSS, its recognized Athletic Associations and its Sport Commissions is limited to a disciplined participant's current, continued or future participation in activities, programs or projects of BCSS, its recognized Athletic Associations and its Sport Commissions.
- 1.4. Disciplinary action taken by a Member School against its students, school coaches, volunteers and/or any other participant, including spectators, that is over and above any participatory disciplinary action taken by BCSS, its recognized Athletic Associations or its Sport Commissions will be recognized by BCSS, its recognized Athletic Associations and its recognized BCSS Sports Commissions.
- 1.5. During provincial championships, sports commissions shall form a Disciplinary Committee to deal with any gross violations of behaviour or conduct by a student-athlete and considered to be unacceptable by the Committee.
 - 1.5.1. Students: While discipline might include banning an athlete from further participation in a tournament, the coach of the player must still assume responsibility for the supervision of the athlete and deal with further disciplinary action in accordance with school or district regulations.

2. VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT INTER-HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (V&DIHSAA):

The V&D Association shall have jurisdiction in the following situations and the information regarding the incident will be forwarded by the RSSAA to the Secretary-Treasurer of the V&DIHSAA.

- 2.1. Incidents of improper conduct occurring in V&D Championship competitions that involve players of different Local Associations (zones) of the V&DIHSAA.
- 2.2. Incidents of improper conduct by players of different Associations of the V&DIHSAA in the vicinity of a V&D Championship game but not during the game.

3. RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (RSSAA): The RSSAA shall have jurisdiction in the following instances for a first occurrence involving any given competitor. It is the responsibility of the teacher/coach, or teacher/sponsor to report **in writing** the below incident(s) to the RSSAA Vice-President.

- 3.1. Incidents of improper conduct between competitors.
- 3.2. Incidents of improper conduct between competitors and spectators.
- 3.3. Incidents of improper conduct between competitors and game officials.
- 3.4. Incidents of improper conduct between competitors and adults in a position of authority; and
- 3.5. Improper conduct (e.g. violations of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Student-Athlete Code of Conduct clause 2.2.2 or participating in an activity prohibited by law) by a player of the RSSAA or a player registered in a RSSAA League in the vicinity of the game venue but not during the game, that are not under the jurisdiction of a BC SCHOOL SPORTS Commission and that are not part of an overnight trip to an area outside of the Lower Mainland and while under the supervision of an authorized school board employee.
- 3.6. **BC SCHOOL SPORTS Student Athlete Code of Conduct 2.2.2**
 - 2.2.2. Exercise Self-Control at all times
 - i) remember that there is no place in sport for drugs or alcohol
 - ii) refrain from the use of foul or profane language
 - iii) refrain from the use of physical force outside of the rules of the game
- 3.7. Improper conduct (e.g. violation of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Student-Athlete's Code of Conduct clause 2.2.2 or participating in an activity prohibited by law) by, and as a player while traveling to and from their home school, while under the supervision of an authorized school board employee and it is not an overnight trip.

4. SCHOOL ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Instead of the RSSAA Discipline Committee, a School Athletic Discipline Committee shall hear the case for a competitor who has been ejected by a game official for the first time (an exception is the 5th personal foul in Basketball) and the incident is not a violation of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Student-Athlete's Code of Conduct Clause 2.2.2.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

The School Administration has the sole jurisdiction for an incident of improper conduct when a student is on an overnight trip away from the Lower Mainland, the incident did not take place during the competition and it was not in the vicinity of the competition venue, subject to the exception of competition under the jurisdiction of a BC SCHOOL SPORTS Commission (BCSS Competition Policy F10.1 & RSSAA Policy L2.5 in the Discipline Section).

The jurisdiction of a BC SCHOOL SPORTS Commission, the V&D, and the RSSAA are limited to sanctions related to athletic participation of a student. School Administrators have jurisdiction for school rules and their sanctions are not limited to athletic participation.

RSSAA DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES

1. The RSSAA Discipline Committee shall consist of the RSSAA Vice-President, the RSSAA League Convenor for that specific sport, and an Administrative Representative from the RSSAA Board of Directors.
2. In the event of a potential conflict between the school, or an individual in question and a committee member, the RSSAA President shall designate an alternate.
3. The School Athletic Discipline Committee shall consist of the School Athletic Director, a School Administrator, and a teacher who does not currently coach the sport that the athlete plays.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION PENALTIES

1. A competitor ejected by a game official from the competition for an incident that is not a violation of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Student-Athlete's Code of Conduct Clause 2.2.2 is subject to a minimum penalty of a suspension for one restricted or unrestricted competition to a maximum penalty of a suspension for the remainder of the competitor's current athletic season and one more complete athletic season.
2. A competitor ejected by a game official from the competition for an incident that is a violation of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Student-Athlete's Code of Conduct Clause 2.2.2 is subject to a **minimum penalty** of a suspension from competitions and practices until the decision of a RSSAA Discipline Committee Hearing is rendered. The Discipline Committee shall deal with the case as soon as possible and not longer than 10 working days after the RSSAA Vice-President has received the required reports. The **maximum penalty** is the suspension from all athletic practices and competitions for the remainder of the current athletic season and an additional calendar year (three more athletic seasons).
3. For an incident of improper conduct (e.g. violations of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Student-Athlete's Code of Conduct Clause 2.2.2 or participating in an activity prohibited by law) by a player that is not game related but while under the supervision of an authorized school board employee is subject to a minimum penalty of a suspension from competitions and practices until the decision of the RSSAA Discipline Committee Hearing is rendered. The Discipline Committee shall deal with the case as soon as possible and not longer than 10 working days after the RSSAA Vice-President has received the required reports. The maximum penalty is the suspension from all the athletic practices and competitions for the remainder of the current athletic season and an additional calendar year (three more athletic seasons) subject to the exception of an incident that occurs under the jurisdiction of Discipline Policy 2.5. (School Administration)
4. For Discipline Cases convened by a School Athletic Discipline Committee, the student athlete will remain suspended until a completed School Discipline Report Form has been received by the RSSAA Vice-President and the Vice-President communicates to the school that the suspension of the student athlete can cease.
5. An appeal of the decision of the School Athletic Discipline Committee or the RSSAA Discipline Committee are the jurisdiction of the RSSAA Jury of Appeal.

REPORTING AND NOTICE OF CHARGES

1. Reports of incidents of misconduct must be sent by the game official, the competitor(s), and the competitor(s) coach and/or sponsor, to the School Athletic Director or the RSSAA Vice-President depending on the jurisdiction of the incident. If the incident is under the jurisdiction of the RSSAA Discipline Committee, the Discipline Report is to be submitted on the designated form and must be signed by the Principal of the competitor's school.
2. A competitor who has been disqualified from a game for disciplinary reasons shall not participate in any subsequent exhibition, league, or playoff games until the required reports have been received by, and dealt with by the appropriate Discipline Committee.
3. A competitor who has been involved in a disciplinary incident but not disqualified from a game, may participate in subsequent exhibition, league, or playoff games at the discretion of the RSSAA Vice-President. The RSSAA Vice-President should communicate with the Principal to ensure consistency of disciplinary action. This provision is intended to be an interim measure pending a decision by the appropriate body.
4. A copy of the Disciplinary Reports, together with a copy of the published rules and regulations, and possible penalties, and a notice of the hearing date shall be sent to the parents or legal guardian of the competitor involved.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

1. The Disciplinary Hearing shall be held as soon as possible after the required reports have been received by the School Athletic Director or the RSSAA Vice-President for incidents under the jurisdiction of the RSSAA.
2. The competitor in question may, shall attend the Disciplinary Hearing and may be accompanied by a parent, coach, and/or advisor.
3. The competitor in question or his/her representatives shall advise the Athletic Director for School Athletic Discipline Committee Hearings or the RSSAA Vice-President for RSSAA Discipline Committee Hearings of his/her intention to attend the Disciplinary Hearing.
4. The competitor in question shall be given an opportunity to present his/her explanation of the disciplinary incident.
5. After the competitor in question and his/her representative(s) have appeared before the School Athletic Discipline Committee, the RSSAA Discipline Committee, or the RSSAA Jury of Appeal, the Discipline Committee shall meet to render a decision.
6. The decision of the Discipline Committee shall be communicated to the School Athletic Director, in writing, as soon as possible. If it is a decision from the RSSAA, the School Athletic Director, or teacher/sponsor should be first notified of the decision by telephone.

JURY OF APPEAL

1. The RSSAA Jury of Appeal shall serve as Disciplinary Appeals Committee for all decisions made by a School Athletic Discipline Committee or a RSSAA Discipline Committee.
2. To appeal a disciplinary decision made by the School Athletic Discipline Committee or the RSSAA Discipline Committee, a competitor must submit a letter with the signature of his/her Principal to the RSSAA President.