



Riverside Poly High School Athletics Parent Pledge of Conduct

As a member of a Riverside Poly athletic team your student is part of a unique group. Over the years, Poly athletics has earned a reputation as one of the finest programs in the Inland Empire. This reputation has grown not only from a rich tradition of success by our student athletes on the field but also from the unyielding support of our school administrators, the special talents and dedication of our coaches, and the undying support and commitment of our parents.

The **Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) Athletic Program Philosophy** is to “*provide educational experiences through vigorous, specialized and competitive activities which will provide strong character values, healthy emotional dispositions, positive mental attitudes, and a high degree of personal health, vigor, and fitness.*”

The **RUSD Athletic Philosophy and Regulations** and **California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Athlete’s Code of Ethics** promote academic achievement, character, integrity, positive attitude, sportsmanship, honor and respect as tenets that guide our student-athletes not only on the field of competition but also in the classroom and the community. In addition, the Poly High School Athletic Department has published and distributes to each athlete and family *Student-Athlete, Parent and Coach Communications* describing the orderly and respectful lines of communication that are expected between coaches, players and parents.

As a parent or guardian of a Poly athlete, you are welcomed and encouraged to participate and support your child and their team. All parents are encouraged to participate at games and are expected to act in a manner that is consistent with the *RUSD Athletic Philosophy and Regulations*, the *CIF Athlete’s Code of Ethics* and, the Athletics Department’s *Student-Athlete, Parent and Coach Communications*.

PARENT PLEDGE

In support of Riverside Poly Athletics, I therefore pledge my commitment to the program and to my student, to be responsible for my words and actions while attending games and program functions, and to ensure that my personal behavior comports with the tenets of fairness, good sportsmanship and respect.

I will not engage in, or encourage anyone else to engage in, unsportsmanlike conduct with any player, coach, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.

I will not engage in, or encourage anyone else to engage in, any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or well being of any player, coach, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.

I will not use drugs or alcohol, or permit my child to use drugs or alcohol, while attending a Poly athletic event.

I will not engage in, or encourage anyone else to engage in, the use of profanity.

I will treat, and I will encourage my child to treat, any player, coach, parent, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or ability.

I will not engage in, nor will I encourage anyone else to engage in, verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any player, coach, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.

I will not initiate, nor will I encourage anyone else to initiate, a fight or scuffle with any player, coach, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.

I will abide by the communications guidelines established in *Student-Athlete, Parent and Coach Communications* as distributed by the Poly High School Athletic Department, and as listed below.

I will not attempt to meet with a Poly coach prior to, during, or within 24 hours following a game or during practice.

I recognize that it is my child’s responsibility to bring their concerns to the coaching staff and that I will not attempt to discuss a concern with a Poly coach until my child and the coach have had an opportunity to discuss the issue.

I will not discuss or attempt to discuss the following with a Poly coach:

- A. Playing time
- B. Playing position
- C. Team strategy
- D. Play calling
- E. Other student athletes

I will not attempt to coach my child or other players from the stands.

I will not be vocal in a negative way about the play of another parent’s child.

I hereby agree that if I fail to comport my conduct to the foregoing while attending or participating in a Poly athletic event, I will be subject to progressive disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by a game official or school official.
2. Written warning issued by school official.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a game issued by a game official or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension.
4. Continued suspensions from games or events as warranted and legally enforceable to the extent of the law.

Every parent is strongly encouraged to sign this pledge. Whether or not you choose to sign, the standards of conduct expressed in this document apply to all parents and spectators attending Poly athletic games, practices, and related team events. Your signature below indicates your public commitment to positively support the Poly Athletics Program.

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| Parent/Guardian Name | Signature | Date |

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