

Reeds Spring School District Athletics

Guidelines and Contract for Student-Athletes: Social Media

As you begin participation in another athletic season, the Athletic Department of Reeds Spring High School wants to make sure you are aware of the revised social networking guidelines. The Reeds Spring School District Athletic Department recognize and support the student-athlete's right to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social networks. In this context, however, each student-athlete must remember that playing and competing for the RSSD is a privilege. As a student-athlete, you represent the school district and you are expected to portray yourself, your team, your school and the school district in a positive manner at all times.

As a condition of being a student-athlete at RSSD, student-athletes must abide by the following rules related to the use of the internet and social networking sites:

1. Any posting or communication via social networking websites which disrupt either the educational or athletic environment or which advocates the violation of any school or team policy would be unacceptable.
2. Student-athletes may not post online any pictures, information or other content that might cause embarrassment to themselves, fellow student-athletes, teams, coaches, the Athletics Department or the campus. (examples: obscene images or language, nudity, pictures at parties with alcohol, references to drugs, sex, or illegal activities).
3. Student-athletes may not post any content online that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning, or threatening toward any other individual, teammate, coach, faculty member, or entity (examples: derogatory comments regarding another school; taunting comments aimed at a student-athlete, coach or team at another school)
4. Student-athletes may not post any content online that would constitute a violation of RSSD activities Citizenship Code.

Student-athletes at RSSD are required to abide by rules set forth in these guidelines.

The failure to do so will be considered a violation of the RSSD Citizenship Code. The violation may result in disciplinary action by the athletic department.

1st Offense- Warning and parent meeting with the head coach. Consequences will be determined based on the severity of the infraction and may include suspension or dismissal from the team or athletic activities

2nd Offense- Parent meeting with the head coach and the Activities Director. Consequences will be determined based on the severity of the infraction and may include suspension or dismissal from the team or athletic activities.

3rd Offense- Restriction from participation in all RSHS Activities duration to be determined on severity of the infraction.

Reeds Spring School District Athletics

Guidelines and Contract for Student-Athletes: Social Media

Student Athlete Signature: _____