

# **Rogers-Herr Middle School Athletics**



**Parent Guide**

**2016 - 2017**

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Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in our athletic program. The student athletes as well as the coaching staff are excited about the upcoming season.

Our success is dependent upon the abilities and cooperation of other people. A team's aspirations succeed or fail because of the people involved. By attracting the best student-athletes, we believe, we can accomplish great things on and off the field.

The purpose of the parent information guide is to inform you the parent or guardian an overview of our school athletic policies, expectations and procedures. This guide is designed to be a ready reference to assist you and your child in an efficient manner. Through this guide you and your child will also become acquainted with your duties, responsibilities, and expectations. Additional policies and procedures can be found in the athletic handbook located on the athletic website.

## Athletic Department Philosophy

Athletics is an integral part of the total education process and thus plays a major role in the philosophy of the athletic program. Athletics provide an opportunity for students to utilize critical thinking skills, as well as, put into practice those basic tenets cooperation and personal responsibilities. In this learning situation, we believe that all athletic personnel should strive to teach the basic principle of an attitude toward leadership, competitiveness, fair play, self-discipline and the responsibility. We further believe that a pursuit of these personal and group goals are vital for the success of a healthy educational environment.

We adhere to the rules and regulations of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association supplemented by the North Carolina State and the Durham Public Schools policies that govern athletics.

## Coaching Philosophy

We believe that your child is a Student First and an Athlete Second. Academic Excellence is and will always be promoted first. There will be study time provided before or after practice for your child to begin homework assignments and to obtain educational assistance.

We believe that kids gain confidence and a love for the game through knowledge of the game, positive feedback from parents, coaches, and other players and from skill development. Knowledge of the game and Skill set develops at different rates for kids, but effort and having fun can always be achieved. We try to always provide positive feedback for effort and we enhance knowledge /skill set development through constructive and corrective instruction; and situational analysis / discussion.

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We think it's important that a coach takes more than a casual interest in the players. We strive to talk with all players 1 on 1 at some point during the season. (i.e. at practices, games or during the school day.) We want them to know that their coach cares for him or her as a person.

We believe in trying to make practices fun while providing the skill development and situational instruction needed to develop IQ and improve. Teamwork and Competition is an important element of any sport.

We will teach fundamentals and skills during practice. However, we are developing your child to be able to perform on the next level. We will instruct accordingly.

Winning at all cost, cost too much! Integrity, teamwork, fair play are very important.

## Rules

Detailed rules can be found online in the Rogers Herr Handbook located on the athletic web page in the resource section. We will always follow the standard DPS eligibility rules and the Rogers – Herr Middle School eligibility rules regarding academics, conduct, school attendance, etc. Team Rules may be added during the season if necessary. An overview of some rules is listed below.

### **Participation in practice or games is at the discretion of the coaching staff.**

Student-athletes may be denied participation for low grades or disciplinary reasons.

### **NO PRACTICE, NO PARTICIPATION!!!!**

Report any injury of any type to the head coach immediately.

There is **zero tolerance** for violence, possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and any form of theft. Violations will result in athletes being denied participation, possible suspension, or removal from the team.

Student Athletes are responsible for all equipment and uniforms assigned to him or her. The full replacement cost of any and all equipment or uniform that is lost, damaged or stolen will be charged.

All county and school rules will be enforced. (Refer to the Athletic Handbook)

No leaving the field/bench during contest, unless given permission.

No hazing or picking on other team members, we are a **TEAM**.

No cleats/muddy shoes in the locker room.

No horseplay in the locker room and the locker room will be cleaned each day.

**ANY behavior deemed detrimental** to the team chemistry or school may result in dismissal from the team.

Everyone is expected to be at every practice and game.

Be on time for every practice.

One unexcused absence misses one-half of the next athletic event.

Two unexcused absences miss the next athletic event.

Three unexcused absences dismissal from the team.

Disrespect towards any coach, faculty member, teammate, or manager is cause for game suspension or dismissal from the team.

Bring a positive attitude and desire to work towards excellence to each practice and game.

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### **Out-of-School Suspension:**

1<sup>st</sup> offense will result in a 2 game suspension

2<sup>nd</sup> offense - dismissal from the team.

In-School Suspension will result in suspension from the team as determined by the coach.

No outside sports activities during season. Finish the season first. Commit to the school or commit to the AAU/Club sport.

## Player Expectations Summary

Earn A's and/or B's on progress reports.

Be on time to study hall and practice

Always show respect for the coaches, parents, teachers and other players on the team.

No hats, baseball caps, hoodies, or skullcaps are to be worn in buildings.

Players should never have their underwear or shorts worn as underwear exposed. (No sagging)

Report any injury of any type to the head coach immediately.

Exhibit leadership characteristics on and off the competition venue.

Complete participation in the school sport before starting outside sports.

### PLAYING TIME

Playing time is made at the **discretion of the coach**. Playing time is not guaranteed because your athlete is selected to make the team. ***Playing time is earned and is not a right!*** Coaches may reduce playing time at their discretion for individual players due to any of the following:

1. Poor attendance and/or punctuality at practices and/or games;
2. Lack of effort, negative attitude, disrespect and/or inappropriate behavior during school, practices, games, staff/faculty, coaches, competitors, and/or officials;
3. Violation of team rules.

### INDIVIDUAL COACHES RULES

Each coach may establish team rules in addition to the rules in the Athletic Handbook. Rules and penalties for tardiness, inappropriate practice/game dress and misconduct are examples of acceptable coach's guidelines. These rules will be given in writing to all athletes, parents and the athletic director at the beginning of each season. In the event team rules are amended during the season, notification of the amended rules will be provided to the players and parents.

### PRACTICES

Practices are generally closed to parents and spectators; especially during the winter sports. At no time is it permissible to video or to take photographs during practice. Practices will be held during intersession. We may also have practices on Saturday when it is deemed necessary. We will endeavor to provide advance notice of Saturday practices.

### ROGERS HERR ELIGIBILITY

Rogers Herr students must follow certain additional guidelines that are tailor made to our athletes. Our principle is academics first... then athletics. The school sports eligibility guidelines include the following:

1. Student Athletes must adhere to DPS and NC High School eligibility standard to participate on a Rogers Herr sports team
2. Student Athletes must have weekly progress report filled out and signed by both the parent /guardian and teachers during the season
3. Once selected to participate, athletes must maintain acceptable grades. If at progress report time, Student Athletes with a "D" in any core subject, will be suspended from participation.
4. If at progress report time a student athlete with an "F" in any elective class or a "D" in a core subject will be suspended from participation until the grade is made up (improves).
5. Student Athletes must adhere to all of the rules set by the coach of your team.
6. If a student is removed from (or quits) a team prior to the end of the season for any reason, then he or she will not receive an award for their participation during that athletic season.

## **PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS**

Team sports have the potential to make for some of the most enjoyable memories. Parental attitudes and actions play a large part in that experience.

The coaches expect parents to be on time to pick up your child. We have families and other commitments in the evenings. We will not leave your child at the school unsupervised.

The coaching staff encourages you to help us enhance your child's athletic experience by stressing academics, teamwork, discipline, and skill development. Hopefully these concepts will stick with them for life.

- Pick up your child on time!
- Help out with team volunteer opportunities (Concessions).
- Please encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game.
- Cheer for your child during games, but refrain from yelling instructions to them.
- Follow the Communication Protocol.

## **PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION**

It is our desire that positive relations can be maintained between parents and coaches. Parents are encouraged to ask questions regarding their child's performance and/or status, and a meeting can be arranged by contacting the coach. In the event that hostile feelings or arguments ensue, the meeting should be immediately terminated by either party and another meeting scheduled with the Athletic Director present.

Parents are to adhere to the following **protocol** when an issue arises.

- 1. Student-Athlete Speaks to the coach directly**
- 2. Parent Speaks to the coach directly**
- 3. If the issue has not been resolved, then parent meets with the coach and Athletic Director.**
- 4. If the parent seeks further assistance after having met with the coach and the Athletic Director, seek advice from the building principal.**
- 5. Do not approach a coach to discuss issues before, during or immediately after a contest.**

## **PARENTS AS SPECTATORS**

As a spectator, parents should:

- realize you represent the school; therefore, you have an obligation to be a true sportsman, and encourage through this behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others;
- recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team;
- remember that the primary purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the players through the medium of contest;
- be modest in victory and gracious in defeat; and
- respect the judgment and integrity of game officials.

## ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas of life. It is important that your behavior be above reproach in all of the following areas:

**In the classroom** Strong academics reinforce strong athletics. As an athlete, you must plan your schedule so that you give sufficient time and energy to your studies. In addition to maintaining strong academics, an athlete should give respectful attention to classroom activities and show respect for other students and faculty at all times.

**School discipline and office referral:** Any student referred to the office for rule violations may be denied the privilege of participation in all athletic activities for a period determined by either the principal, athletic director or head coach. This includes silent lunch that originates from behavioral issues.

**On the field:** In the area of athletic competition, a true athlete does not use profanity or illegal tactics and understands that losing is part of the game. You should be gracious in defeat and modest in victory. It is always courteous to congratulate the opponent after the contest, whether in defeat or victory.

Rogers Herr 2016-17 Coaches contact information as of 6/21/2016

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Rogers Herr Rams Fall Schedule 2016 –2017  
Cheerleading and Football Start August 22, 2016  
Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball Start August 29, 2016

FOOTBALL 2016

DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY
9/15/2016	4:00 PM	LUCUS	ROGERS HERR
9/21/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	LOWES GROVE
9/28/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	BROGDEN
10/5/2016	4:00 PM	NEAL	ROGERS HERR
10/12/2016	4:00 PM	CARRINGTON	ROGERS HERR
10/18/2016	4:30 PM	ROGERS HERR	SHEPARD
10/25/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	GITHENS

NOVEMBER 1, 2016—FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- September 15, 2016 is a Thursday.
- October 18, 2016 is a Tuesday. This game is played on Tuesday due to an early release day on October 19, 2016
- October 25, 2016 is the Annual Falcon Bowl– This game will be played at Jordan High School. This is also 8th Grade Recognition night



## ROGERS HERR RAMS FALL SCHEDULE

2016 –2017

### CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL START AUGUST 29, 2016

DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY
9/13/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	LAKEWOOD
9/20/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	LOWES GROVE
9/22/2016	4:00 PM	SHEPARD	ROGERS HERR
9/27/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	CARRINGTON
9/29/2016	4:00 PM	LUCUS	ROGERS HERR
10/4/2016	4:00 PM	BROGDEN	ROGERS HERR
10/6/2016	4:00 PM	LAKEWOOD	ROGERS HERR
10/11/2016	4:30 PM	ROGERS HERR	DSA
10/13/2016	4:00 PM	LOWES GROVE	ROGERS HERR
10/17/2016	4:00 PM	NEAL	ROGERS HERR
10/20/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	GITHENS
10/25/2016	4:00 PM	ROGERS HERR	SHEPARD

10/26/2016 OPEN DATE FOR MAKE UP GAME

10/27/2016 TOURNAMENT—SEMI-FINALS

10/28/2016 TOURNAMENT—FINALS

Monday 10/13/16—fall sports will play, to eliminate conflict with football games on Tuesday 10/14/16. Early release day is Wednesday 10/15/16.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

It is the responsibility of the parents and students to read the **Rogers-Herr Middle School Parent-Student-Coach Athletic Handbook** prior to participating in our athletic program. The information contained in this handbook outlines the Policies, Rules and Regulations that govern our program. The school district requires that you and your student-athlete sign this Acknowledgment Form and return it to your son/daughter's **coach**. Please return the form as soon as possible. **No student athlete will be allowed to participate in a game until this form is returned.** I/we have read the Rogers-Herr Middle School Parent-Student-Coach Athletic Handbook and understand the Policies, Rules and Regulations that govern the program. I have read the **Athlete Code of Conduct** and thoroughly understand the consequences that I will face if I do not honor my commitment to the **Athlete Code of Conduct**.

If a coach feels a student-athlete has violated the Athlete Code of Conduct, a team rule, or has accumulated an excessive number of unexcused absences that would result in a suspension or dismissal from a team, the coach will contact the Athletic Director and submit his/her recommendation for disciplinary action. The Athletic Director, after consultation with the Principal, and after discussing the circumstances with parents, shall render a decision.

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Print Name of Student-Athlete

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Student-Athlete Signature

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Date

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date