

Robinson Athletic Guidelines

We are pleased your child has expressed interest in the athletic programs at Robinson Middle School. We are excited about the various athletic experiences planned this year. The outlined policies will be helpful as you follow the Razorbacks throughout the seasons. The Robinson coaching staff look forward to seeing you as we all share in the exciting year ahead.

Athletes

Commitment/Cooperation/Dedication

Robinson athletes are special people who have chosen to participate in athletics. It is their choice to play for the Razorbacks, the best middle school in Plano. Therefore, it must be their desire to work hard to become the best athlete possible. The coaches believe that for a team to be a success you must commit yourself to the team and follow the team's policies. (We all must have rules and policies so that everybody is treated fairly and proper teamwork is made possible.) Everyone must commit themselves to their team as well as to the coaches by practicing hard and never giving up. Remember we believe that if a team works hard during practice, the game will take care of itself. To be a part of Razorback athletics requires a great deal of commitment, dedication and cooperation. *The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.* Make sure you are committed to excellence in everything you do.

Behavior/Attitude

1. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. This includes during school, practice, and games. All school and district rules will be adhered to.
2. The use of Alcohol or illegal substances will not be tolerated at any time.
3. Make wise choices that will not embarrass you, your family, your team or your school.
4. Treat everyone as you would like to be treated.
5. Establish PRIDE in everything you do in the classroom and in athletics.

Tryouts

All students may participate in football and track at the PISD middle school level. However, basketball, volleyball and tennis limit the number of students on the teams. These selections are made by objective and subjective coaches' evaluations based on skills of the specific sport. Teamwork and a positive attitude are always number one. Tryouts are closed to the public. All decisions are final and no exceptions will be made for additional tryouts or roster expansions. Coaches may be afforded the opportunity to check student academic records as our athletes must show academic responsibility to participate. (No Pass = No Play)

Grades

We expect our athletes to conduct themselves as positive leaders in our school and community. They should represent the highest standards during practice, in games and in the classroom. They should aspire to be the best athlete possible and the best in each of their classes. The main goal of education in our building will continue to be academic growth. Students wishing to participate in our athletic program must pass each subject each six weeks or lose the opportunity to participate in games.

If a student/athlete does fail a class for a six weeks period, that athlete will then become ineligible for the following six weeks period. The athlete will be able to continue participation with the team in the practice sessions but **will not** be allowed to participate in the games. After three weeks the grades of the athlete will be checked. If at this time the athlete is passing **ALL** classes, game eligibility will be restored.

Code of Ethics

The success of any organization is directly related to its code of ethics. The Code of Ethics of the Robinson Athletic Program states that every student/athlete is responsible for both the integrity and the consequences of their actions. The highest standards of honesty, integrity and fairness must be followed by each and every player when engaging in any activity involving Robinson, particularly in relationships with other students, faculty, the public, our competitors and teammates. We expect that no team member will partake in any activity that is (or gives the appearance of being) improper, illegal, immoral or that in any way could harm you or the Athletic program.

We the parents of _____, who is enrolled in athletics at Robinson Middle School have read and agree with the Guidelines for Athletics.

Parent Signature _____

I, _____, as a student enrolled in athletics at Robinson Middle School have read and agree to follow the Guidelines of Athletics.

Student Signature _____