

PHILOSOPHY

The Athletic Program at Rome High School is an integral part of the total educational program. The Athletic Department's goal is the development of student athletes' physical, psychological, social, and emotional growth in such a way as to enhance and enrich their lives.

The Rome High Athletic Department strives to implement the discipline and fundamentals necessary to compete at the highest level for each sport. Players learn organization skills needed to successfully balance both the demands of athletics and academics.

The purpose of each athletic program is to develop perseverance, sportsmanship, determination, respect, endurance, coordination, strength, self-confidence, and teamwork.

Varsity level participation is expected to be highly competitive and is recommended only for those student athletes who can handle the demands and expectations of a varsity season. Sub-varsity programs serve to provide an important training environment for future varsity players.

SPORTS OFFERED:

FALL

- Cheerleading
- Boys/Girls Cross Country
- Fast-pitch Softball
- Football
- Volleyball

Winter

- Boys/girls Basketball
- Wrestling
- Boys/Girls Swimming

Spring

- Baseball
- Golf
- Boys/Girls Soccer
- Boys/Girls Tennis
- Boys/Girls Track

ROME HIGH SCHOOL



ATHLETIC CODE



FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS



The Rome High School Athletic Department has adopted the following Player Code in an attempt to better support our student-athletes. This form must be signed by the parent/guardian and the athlete then returned to the head coach before participation by the athlete.

1. I will abide by the Rome High School Student Handbook.
2. I will support, encourage, and help my teammates to become the best player possible by sharing skills, knowledge, and encouragement.
3. I will play by the rules of the game within the full intent and spirit of the laws of the game.
4. I will be honest with my parents and coaches concerning my attendance at all practices and games.
5. I will attend practice regularly and on time unless I have discussed the situation *in advance* with the coach. It is my responsibility to inform the coach of the reasons for my absence.
6. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after all practices and games.
7. I will uphold the reputation and integrity of the team by my actions in and around school, and I will avoid behaviors which might warrant disciplinary action.
8. I will always play to the best of my abilities in every game and every practice, regardless of circumstances.
9. I will be a good teammate by keeping myself free from all drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products.
10. I will refrain from behaviors which might cause bodily harm to myself and to my teammates,

and/or hinder my ability to participate in my sport.

11. I will conduct myself in a respectful and exemplary manner on all road trips and home games in order to best represent myself, my family, my team, and my school.
12. I will dress in an appropriate manner as described by the head coach.
13. I will not tolerate participation in gossip, self-pity, or negativism for myself or my teammates, nor let these influence how I feel about myself, my team, my friends, or my family.
14. I will promote and maintain a positive attitude toward myself, my teammates, and all those associated with the team.
15. I understand that participation on a team sport involves various degrees of self-sacrifice, and I am prepared to offer a full commitment to the team. I further understand that athletic participation requires a five or six day commitment per week possibly including school holidays and that game schedules may change for various reasons, and I must avail myself to meet these changes.
16. I will discuss problems that may arise during the season with a team captain or coach before it possibly manifests itself into a bigger problem.
17. I will follow team rules as set forth by the coach.
18. I understand that I may have to participate in fundraising activities to help support the team financially.
19. I will report all injuries to my coach.
20. I will treat teammates, coaches, managers, spectators, and officials with respect, avoiding

the use of derogatory statements and/or profanity at any school function.

21. I understand that *playing time and line-up options* will only be discussed with the student-athlete, not with parents.
22. I understand that RHS sport teams have priority over all non-school related teams
23. Per GHSA policy, no athlete will be allowed to try-out for a sport unless academically eligible at the time of try-outs.
24. As a parent, I understand that my involvement in games should be respectful to all players, officials, coaches, and other spectators in attendance. All comments and verbal reactions to the game should be made in such a way to provide positive encouragement to the players, and should be within the guidelines of good sportsmanship. *I will refrain from coaching!*

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We have read the above Rome High School Player Code. We understand that violation of one or more of the above will result in disciplinary action which may include suspension and/or possible dismissal from the team. These expectations will be enforced during the entire school year and will be reviewed at the beginning of each season of each sport.

Player signature _____

Parent signature _____

Date _____