

River Ridge 2018-2019 Varsity Head Coach/Director List

Fall Sports

Football	Tyler Wynn
Softball	Andrew Marinelli
Cross Country	Keith Hooper
Football/Competition Cheer	Kim Manus
Volleyball	Julie Wilt-Winfield

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball	Ben Farist
Girls Basketball	Jason Taylor
Basketball Cheer	Reed Christian
Swimming/Diving	Sarah Goodbread
Wrestling	Joseph Mullinax

Spring Sports

Baseball	Scott Bradley
Boys Golf	Ben Farist
Girls Golf	Matt Kealhofer
Boys Tennis	Melissa Pierce
Girls Tennis	Jane Morris
Boys Lacrosse	Hunter Alexander
Girls Lacrosse	Cecil Phillips
Boys Soccer	Phil Thomas
Girls Soccer	Bill Dillion
Boys Track and Field	Andy Schultz
Girls Track and Field	Barry Lakes

Activity Directors

Band	Ross Amend
Chorus	Allison Baccala
Drama	Rod Fields
Orchestra	Christin Lawhorne



The information provided on the page is to serve as a suggested timeline for Booster Club budgeting for Athletic Programs at R.R.H.S. Please let the R.R.H.S Administration know if you have any concerns.

Athletic Budget Development Process	
Spring	The Booster Clubs meet with Head Coaches and determine any financial needs for the following school year. The previous years' budget and expenditures are used as a point of reference along with past and future fund-raising considerations. Once approved, the budget and fund-raising account will be published for team community members.
Summer	The Athletic Director will work with Head Coaches to identify any facility needs or issues. Those items will be directed to either the appropriate CCSD contact.
Fall-Winter	Head Coaches work with the Booster representatives to revise and amend the budget process for the coming year, as well as working on potential fund-raisers. Consideration and contact should be made with Jr. Knight programs.
Notes	Minutes from meetings and the approved budget should be placed on the River Ridge Athletic website on the team page for public access. All meetings should be announced with appropriate notification to all Booster members.

Where Does It Come From?	Where Does It Go?
CCSD Provides	Coaching stipends for Certified Employees EMT service at football games Shared expense for field maintenance Shared expense for transportation Certified Athletic Trainer through Northside Hospital
Mainly through Gate Receipts	Additional event security Athletic training supplies Varsity Letters and Certificates GHSA, GADA and GACA Dues Facility needs/upkeep outside of CCSD Any additional approved expenses based on need Payment for all game officials
Individual Sports Fund-Raisers	Additional coaching stipends outside of what CCSD provides Out of season weight-training/conditioning payments to Coaches Additional Capital Improvements Senior night and end of season banquets Tournament entry fees Uniforms/equipment/maintenance Some meet/contest timing and officiating Community Coaching certification Shared expense for transportation

River Ridge Booster Clubs Guidelines

Booster Clubs are an integral and important part of RRHS. Without the time and financial support provided by the Boosters, River Ridge students would not enjoy the level of success they currently do.

The *Cherokee County School District* has an established *Board Administrative Rule* that governs high school booster clubs. Please be sure to read this policy. In addition, the *CCSD Athletic Handbook* includes a section that discusses booster clubs.

River Ridge Booster Clubs are not involved in the following...

- Hiring or dismissing River Ridge Coaches, Teachers, Directors and/or Community Coaches
- Setting entry fees for games or other events
- Paying for academic tutoring for any River Ridge student or student-athlete
- Directing employees of the Cherokee County School District
- Contacting the Georgia High School Association, Region Officials, or the Cherokee County School District as an organization without the permission of the River Ridge Administration.
- Reporting or directing game officials or event judges
- Providing awards to coaches, students, or student-athletes without the approval of the River Ridge administration and/or Head Coach for compliance purposes
- Negotiating a supplement of the salary of any coach or teacher employed by the Cherokee County School District
- Game, Event, and/or Practice Scheduling
- Playing time/participations decisions and/or other issues regarding students
- Directing purchasing decisions made by River Ridge High School Coaches and Teachers using River Ridge/CCSD funds. All funds must be collected and deposited per CCSD guidelines. Bills will not be paid without the invoice/purchase order procedure.
- Disseminating any team communication without the consent of the Head Coach/Director
- Conducting formal or informal investigations of other high school athletes or athletic programs or fine arts programs
- Holding Booster or organizational meetings outside of the presence of the Head Coach/Director
- Making decisions regarding spending and/or finances without the approval of the Head Coach
- Making any program decisions without the approval of the head coach

Booster Events and End of Season Banquets

- There are several Booster events that will take place during a school year related to program fund-raising, team planning, season events and off-season planning. The head coach or head of the program must be notified of these meetings. If they choose, the head of the program may have the meeting postponed if they cannot attend. Booster meetings should not take place without the head coach, faculty sponsor or faculty designee in attendance. The final decision in all program issues rests with the head of the program and the organization of any Booster meeting should reflect that.
- All meetings should be announced to members of the team or organization and made open to participation from all parents with students currently active in the program. It is not the responsibility of the parent representative to direct the program in any way. The final decision with parent roles and responsibilities rests with the head of the program, athletic director and principal.
- The end of Season banquet is an important part of the season as a way of honoring individual and team accomplishments, recognizing departing seniors and parent volunteers, and looking forward to the off-season and the next season. These banquets are school events and should be treated accordingly. Banquets and end of season activities should be held on campus, or an off-campus rented facility (restaurant/event space). Teams should not hold these events at the homes of parents and team members.

Social Media Use

Considering the accessibility and use of social media today, R.R.H.S is implementing guidelines to assist our students in developing the skills needed to make positive decisions while using social media outlets. They need to understand what is appropriate and what is not, as many employers and colleges now view potential candidate's social media activities before asking them to join their organization. This is specifically evident in college athletics where students have had scholarships revoked, served suspensions, and have been removed from teams.

We fully expect our teams and organizations to utilize social media to disseminate information, promote programs and organize activities. There is a responsibility attached with the use of these tools. At no time should a student be the designee for any official team web-

pages, Twitter accounts or social media platforms. We encourage the use of applications like Remind101 to send information without the ability to reply or comment, but applications like GroupMe and various group text applications should not be employed. Students found improperly using social media will be subject to school and/or athletic discipline. Information regarding an official River Ridge club or activity should come from a faculty member. Faculty members may also be disciplined for inappropriate social media communications.

The CCSD guidelines should be used to assist students with deciding what to post on social media outlets. They provide a set of parameters when deciding to post statements or photos. Coaches can assist by being a resource who students can turn to for advice.

The River Ridge Athletic Department has provided a website free of charge to all our programs. The expectation is that all our programs utilize this site to communicate all program related information.

Coaches Responsibility

- Ensure the team is aware of the guidelines
- Explain potential consequences for inappropriate social media use
- Oversee school related social media

Guidelines

- Social Media posts should not violate the CCSD Student Code of Conduct
- Posts should not be demeaning or disrespectful to teammates, coaches, peers, or other institutions.
- Posts should not contain profane, vulgar, obscene or offensive language
- Photos should not contain nudity, vulgarity, or be obscene or offensive in nature
- Photos or posts should not contain or refer to illegal acts
- Posts should not cast a negative image or negative perception of the athlete, team, coach or school.

Consequences

Provided are a set of possible consequences for not adhering to the CCSD Social Media Guidelines. Ultimately, the R.R.H.S administration and coaching staff will determine the consequences for violations.

Potential Consequences

- Conference between the athlete and coach. The coach may or may not choose to involve the parent in the conference.
- Appropriate practice related punishment
- Suspension or lack of playing time
- Dismissal from the program.

More information can be found in the Cherokee County Athletics Handbook.

RRHS Booster Clubs and its members are encouraged to do the following:

- Provide financial support to RRHS students and organizations
- Keep open and honest communication with coaches, teachers, the Principal and the Athletic Director
- Make sure the lines of communication are open between booster club members
- Support the student-athletes and student-artists of RRHS
- Demonstrate support for all RRHS sports and activities
- Increase the visibility of your sport and/or event and the accomplishments of the student-athlete
- Support the coaches, directors, and their staffs
- Maintain the program specific pages on the Riverridgeathletics.org site
- Provide a positive role model for all RRHS students.
- Include all interested parents or students on e-mails, distribution lists, social networking, team activities and volunteering.

R.R.H.S Booster Clubs operate under the direction and authority of the R.R.H.S Administration. Please keep the following in mind:

- While the focus, vision, and direction of the booster club should be a partnership between the booster club and the head coach/director, **this responsibility rests with the Head Coach/Director.**
- The Head Coach/Director can request a review and or revision of by-laws at any time
- ***R.R.H.S administrators are not involved in the day-to-day operations of the booster club unless a booster club decision is in gross violation of RRHS Policy, CCSD Policy or Board Administrative Rules, Region Policy, GHSA policy, or presents the possibility of being detrimental to the mission and goals of River Ridge High School.***
- Any events hosted or directed by booster clubs are technically official school events. This includes banquets, tournaments, and camps.
- Booster club meeting must be called in advance and with the approval of the head coach. The head coach or designee must be present at all meetings. A booster club meeting cannot take place without the head coach or designee
- Head coaches and program directors make all of the decisions related to line-ups, practice plans, rehearsals, organization and planning.

Deposit Procedures:

1. Coaches may receive monies in conjunction with fundraising activities, donations and general team operations (team meals, gear orders, team t-shirts, etc.). It is important that coaches properly safeguard all monies. Make deposits often and consider delegating this responsibility to a team parent. AT NO TIME SHOULD CASH BE HELD OUT AND NOT DEPOSITED. All programs should have a Booster Club separate from River Ridge High School.

1. Deposits should be receipted. For cash received, you may want to indicate the player name for future reference.
2. Students cannot handle or collect money without supervision. At no time should students be left unsupervised with money.

Monthly Reporting:

1. Booster clubs are required to submit monthly statements to the Athletic Director. Statements will be held in the athletic office and available upon request.

Gate Receipts:

Gate receipts are maintained separately from general team athletic funds. Proceeds from gate receipts are used to pay for: Region and GHSA dues, payments to officials/referees/umpires, and other approved game expenses include security and workers. Any excess funds at the end of the year are spent to benefit River Ridge Athletic teams at the discretion of the Athletic Director and Principal. Gate receipts will be collected by the school at all sporting events and performances.

Capital Additions/Capital Campaigns:

Any capital additions to the Athletic Facilities must be approved through the appropriate channels to include the Athletic Director, Principal and ultimately the Cherokee County School System. Accordingly, all capital additions must be approved before undertaking a capital campaign. Required CCSD Fundraising and Facility Alteration forms must be approved and on file with River Ridge.

Guidelines and Expectations for Parent and Spectator Conduct

River Ridge is very fortunate to have the support of our parents and friends at athletic and student events. The teachers, administrators, and especially the students, appreciate this support.

However, it is important to note that participating and attending events at River Ridge is a privilege. As such, there are certain expectations in place for all visitors to River Ridge events.

1. Please cheer, stomp, and get loud, when appropriate to support our Knights!
2. Profanity, taunts, derogatory terms or comments deemed by the administration, faculty, or coaches to be considered as such, may result in removal from the event. A warning is not required.
3. While parents are encouraged to speak to coaches and teachers, immediately after an event or athletic contest is not the best time. Parents and players should contact the coach to find the appropriate time to discuss any concerns. Derogatory e-mails, voice-mails, and phone calls are never appropriate. Coaches are instructed to politely end those communications and forward all concerns to the Athletic Director immediately.
4. Feeder school students are always welcomed at River Ridge events. However, it is not the responsibility of the River Ridge administration to supervise these students. Parents who drop their non-River Ridge students off at school events should not expect the River Ridge administration or faculty to supervise these students. Consequently, non-River Ridge students that violate River Ridge or CCSD Conduct Rules at River Ridge events may receive disciplinary consequences at their home school.
5. Parent/spectator attendance at practices is a privilege and a teacher, coach, or administrator may elect not to allow parents and/or spectators into a practice. A desire to close a practice should be communicated ahead of time whenever possible.
6. Booster parents and adults who may be chaperoning an event, attending a practice, or volunteering with an activity shall always defer to the directions of a River Ridge coach, teacher, or administrator.
7. High school athletics is not the venue for alcohol consumption by students or parents. The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs by students or adults is strictly prohibited at River Ridge events. Events are defined as any River Ridge function that takes place on or campus, a competitor's campus, and/or is a banquet, team meeting or team function where students are present. The adult consumption of, or the presence of alcohol is prohibited at all events. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal from the event and that person may be banned from future events.
8. River Ridge is a public school, but we are not open to the public. Failure to abide by these rules, any violation of CCSD Policy or State law, or any actions or manners that reflect poorly on River Ridge, may result in an adult or participant being banned from River Ridge events. This will be done in writing from the River Ridge administration to the offending party. Serious infractions may result in a Criminal Trespass Warning, which is a legally binding document forbidding under penalty of law the offender being on any CCSD event.

The River Ridge faculty and administration thank you for helping us create a positive environment and experience for our students. We look forward to our continued athletic success and appreciate the efforts of everyone in the Knight community.

E-Mail Communication Directive for River Ridge Coaches

Dear River Ridge High School Coach/Teacher:

In this age of electronic communication, thoughts and ideas can be transmitted to hundreds of people within minutes. I encourage you to use email, blogs, and other forms of communication to keep in touch with your student-athletes and their parents. It is our responsibility as coaches to regularly update team information and keep players, parents, and administration aware of practice and schedule changes as well as updating parents and players with any important team information. There is no reason to have a break-down in communication.

One of the drawbacks of email is that words, taken without voice inflections or body cues, can be misconstrued. Rarely, coaches are the recipients of emails that are meant to embarrass, ridicule or hurt. If you get an email from a parent or community member that does one or more of the following:

1. Uses profanity
2. Questions your ethics
3. Makes unreasonable or inappropriate demands
4. Is, in your judgment, unprofessional or inappropriate
5. Is threatening to your person, your family, your coaching job or teaching career
6. Makes you feel uncomfortable

You are being directed as follows:

1. Do not reply to the email
2. Forward the email to Mike Santoro (michael.santoro@cherokee.k12.ga.us) and/or Dr. Martin (Kerry.Martin@cherokee.k12.ga.us) Do not Copy or Blind Copy anybody else when forwarding this email.
3. Do not forward a copy of the email to anybody else
4. Do not confront the sender of the email
5. Do not discuss the email with anybody who does not have a need-to-know

I will immediately contact the sender of the email and ask for a conference to discuss the matter.

Depending on the issue, the coach may or may not be asked to attend the conference.

I would also like to remind you that all emails sent or received from a CCSD email account are public record. Any taxpayer can submit an Open Records Request and gain access to your email. In addition, once an email is sent you have no control over who reads it.

Thanks for your help on this issue. Many people will say things in emails they would not say in person.

More importantly, these "email wars" do not serve to help River Ridge High School. In fact, the student-athletes are the ones who usually suffer.

Thank you.

Dr. Martin

Principal River Ridge High School

River Ridge Facility Use

As you are aware, the RRHS building and accompanying facilities are being used almost 24 hours a day seven day a week. Unfortunately, there have been numerous occasions where more than one group has requested to use the same space at the same time. Another problem in the past has been the security of the building. Safety is our primary focus and leaving a building open or unsecured is not an acceptable option.

The CCSD allows for the local rental of school facilities to Booster Club organizations and outside organizations via the Facility Rental Agreement. River Ridge believes in extending some of our facilities to outside organizations when available while keeping our main facilities in the best shape possible for River Ridge programs. All requests must be submitted to administration 21 days in advance.

The Following is the RRHS Policy regarding Facility Rentals...

Stadium Field/Tournament Gym- These facilities are the home to 14 different sports programs. These facilities will no longer be made available to outside organizations. Usage of these areas will be reserved for the games, practices, camps and potential fund-raisers of River Ridge sports programs, RRHS scheduled school events and approved Junior Knight Programs will have the ability to utilize these facilities if the operation of River Ridge programs is not interrupted and CCSD Policies are followed.

Baseball/Softball- Both facilities can potentially be rented by outside organizations if the following conditions are met...

1. At least one CCSD employee is present during the time of the rental.
2. The Head Coach of the program is comfortable with the renters' ability to maintain the field and repair it after each rental. Rentals will immediately be cancelled if this condition is not met.
3. The renter agrees to replace/purchase field materials to compensate for what was used during the rental.

The primary use for both fields will be for the games, practices, camps and potential fund-raisers for River Ridge sports programs and RRHS scheduled school events. When available, approved Junior Knight Programs will have the ability to rent these facilities if the operation of River Ridge programs is not interrupted.

Practice Field - This facility can potentially be rented by outside organizations if the following conditions are met...

1. At least one CCSD employee is present during the time of the rental.
2. The Practice Field is only available by appointment and based on the condition of the field.
3. The renter agrees to replace/purchase field materials to compensate for what was used during the rental.

Theater - This facility can potentially be rented by outside organizations if the following conditions are met...

1. At least one CCSD employee is present during the time of the rental.
2. The operation of River Ridge school programs is not interrupted or compromised.
3. Custodians agree to the dates requested ahead prior to confirmation of the event.

River Ridge custodians must be scheduled for any rental which is a contest or performance.

Occasionally, a RRHS program may have the opportunity to host an event or tournament by an outside organization which can serve as a fundraiser for a specific RRHS program. These facilities can potentially be rented for River Ridge fundraisers if the following conditions are met.

1. At least one CCSD certified employee who is listed as a member of the coaching staff involved with the rental is present at all times during the rental. This can be a head or assistant coach.
2. All conditions outlined in the FUR are met.
3. The rental does not; in any way interfere with the daily operations of RRHS or a RRHS scheduled event.
4. Conditions are outlined in the rental agreement which clearly define the financial or in-kind contribution the specific program will receive because of successfully hosting the event.
5. Custodians agree to the dates requested ahead prior to confirmation of the event. Custodians will be paid through the rental agreement.


All potential rentals must first be approved by the Principal and Athletic Director and must also be completed and approved in accordance with CCSD policy prior to the first date of the rental. Rentals may be rescheduled or potentially cancelled to accommodate changes in schedules with RRHS programs. RRHS reserves the right to cancel a rental at any time. All rentals are subject to change based on inclement weather, field/court conditions and the needs of River Ridge High School.



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Use and Care of Facilities and Equipment

River Ridge and the RRHS administration believe that our athletes and coaches should have the best possible facilities and equipment to not only practice but compete. CCSD provides facilities outlined in Education Specifications that meet the requirements for GHSA regulation fields and courts. Items not provided through Ed. Spec. can be purchased through Booster and/or local school funds. Any addition to our facilities must be approved by the local school and CCSD and must comply with Title IX.

It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure that uniforms, equipment and all athletic facilities are kept in the best possible condition. This includes, but is not limited to; managing the field, maintaining inventory, keeping equipment in the best possible condition and ordering field specific items.

Athletes also play a role in maintaining their fields. It is reasonable for a coach to expect athletes to participate in field clean-up dates, completing daily maintenance, washing and taking care of all issued uniforms and keeping their areas trash free. It is also the responsibility of the athlete to return all school issued uniforms and equipment at the end of their season.

School issued equipment cannot be used for personal use. Helmets, pads, uniforms and all other equipment must be turned in at the end of each season. These items were purchased with school or booster money for school use only and depending on the equipment; there could be warranty and liability issues.

Shared Equipment and Facilities

Occasionally teams share practice equipment, and often share facilities. The Athletic Director will work with the head coaches of the programs involved to work on an equitable practice schedule to meet both the practice requirements and contest needs of the teams involved. From time to time, teams will have to move or reschedule a practice. If the situation dictates, sub-varsity contests may be relocated or rescheduled to accommodate the needs of a varsity program.

We expect players and coaches to keep practices on time and to be mindful of the other teams using the areas.

Bus and Transportation

The expectation is that athletes will always travel to and from competitions with their team. There are sports and venues that do not play on campus, and prior arrangements have been made with the coaches of those teams regarding transportation to and from practices and contests. Conditions will arise when parents/guardians may have to make specific travel arrangements. This should be done prior to a contest and confirmed with the head coach.

We also expect our athletes to maintain a sense of decorum and class when traveling since they are representatives of RRHS. Improper behavior on the bus or when traveling to a venue will result in school and athletic disciplinary action for the student or team involved. Teams are also responsible for cleaning busses and removing any trash from their trip. Busses are regularly inspected by the Athletic Director and the county. It is recommended that the head coach designate an athlete or a rotation of athletes to handle bus cleaning.

State Tournament Procedures

When a River Ridge team or individual qualifies for the GHSA State Tournament, it is a time to celebrate and promote the accomplishments of the players and coaches. River Ridge is proud to recognize our athletes in several ways.

1. **Spirit Walks-** State Qualifying teams and coaches will be lead through the school by the marching band prior to competition. The school encourages all teachers to bring their classes into the halls to congratulate the teams and wish them well. Parents are encouraged to attend and take pictures and videos of the Spirit Walk.
2. **Spirit Bus-** When the school schedule and testing issues allow, River Ridge will make every effort to schedule a Spirit Bus for student spectators for contests played at the opponents' venue. CCSD does not pay for Spirit Bus transportation. Students will be charged for the price of the ticket and the cost of the bus for the trip. The discipline record of the student will be considered during the approval process for the trip. Like any other field trip, CCSD policies apply to the students.
3. **Ticket Prices-** The GHSA sets ticket prices for all State Tournament contests. GHSA regulations state that proceeds from these events are shared between the schools and GHSA, and officials are paid for via gate receipts at these events.
4. **Tee-Shirts/Apparel-** Coaches often commemorate the accomplishment of making it to the State Tournament with a tee-shirt or other items for the team. This expense would be covered through the teams' fund-raising and should be in complacence with GHSA regulations regarding player awards.

Apparel and Logo Guidelines

River Ridge has an established logo and color scheme and it is important to note that for purposes of continuity in branding, teachers, parent groups, students, and others may not alter, change, proportionately adjust, recolor, or in any way modify any River Ridge logo, brand, wordmark, or school trademarked artwork without the express written permission of the principal. We absolutely support special uniforms for cancer awareness and other special occasions when GHSA approved.

College Signing Day

Having the opportunity to extend an athletic career into college is an achievement that needs to be recognized and promoted. RRHS is happy to extend a signing day ceremony to our athletes and their families. Once an athlete notifies the AD of their college commitment, we will schedule the event in the lobby of the theater and extend invitations to the coaches and family of the athlete and to 15 invited team members.



Extracurricular Discipline/Code of Conduct

River Ridge follows and enforces all student discipline guidelines outlined in the Cherokee County School District Code of Conduct. River Ridge administration and coaches also believe that commitment to a season and program is a vital part of our overall success. Students who quit a sport will not be allowed to start another sport until the current season is complete. This includes pre-season conditioning.

GHSA Eligibility

The GHSA has specific rules regarding the eligibility of high school athletes. Some frequently asked questions regarding grade eligibility, transfer students and hardships are found below.

Transfer Students-

1.60 - SCHOOL SERVICE AREAS / TRANSFER / MIGRANT STUDENTS / MIGRATORY WAIVER

1.61 School service areas for member public schools are those attendance boundaries established by local boards of education from which a school normally draws its students. The school service area for a member private school is the county in which the private school is located. The school service area for a startup or converted charter school will be the same as the school from which the charter school draws its students.

1.62 A transfer student who has established eligibility at a former school in grades 9-12 shall be immediately eligible at the new school if:

(a) The student moved simultaneously with the entire parental unit or persons he/she resided with at the former school, and the student and parent(s) or persons residing with the student live in the service area of the new school. This is known as a "bona fide move."

(1) The student may choose the public or private school serving that area.

(2) It must be apparent that the parent(s) or the persons residing with the student and the student have relinquished the residence in the former service area and have occupied a residence in the new service area.

(3) Relinquishment of the former residence may be met by one of the following procedures: selling the residence; having the residence listed with a real estate agent for sale at a fair market value; having a contract with a buyer; having a lease agreement at a fair market value; or abandoning the house and shutting off unnecessary utilities. When a family claims multiple residences, the residence for which they apply for a homestead exemption will be declared the primary residence.

(4) The bona fide move is validated when the student's family maintains the new residence for at least one calendar year. A return to the previous residence within that year renders the student to be a migrant student. All hardship appeal processes are available.

(b) The student was enrolled in a private school or a magnet school and has a bona fide move from one public school service area to another public-school service area. A student in this situation may attend either the public school or a private school serving his area of residence.

Summary-

Any student who enters River Ridge in the 9th grade is immediately eligible.

Students entering after the 9th grade on the School Choice program are not eligible for Varsity competition for 1 calendar year.

Private school students who enter River Ridge after the 9th grade will be eligible for JV competition only unless they complete the Hardship process.

Students who move into the River Ridge district are immediately eligible if it fits the criteria of a bona fide move. Please see 1.62 above.

Coaches should inform parents that their athlete may be relegated to a JV team only for one year if they are a transfer student and that student and family should contact the Athletic Director with any questions.

We can only submit an athlete if the parents have legal custody of them. Legal custody as defined by the GHSA means that there was a Superior Court Judge order, not an agreement negotiated between lawyers.

Grade Eligibility-

Students must accumulate Carnegie units towards graduation according to the following criteria:

(a) First-year students (entering 9th grade) are eligible academically. Second semester first-year students must have passed courses carrying at least 2.5 Carnegie units the previous semester in order to participate.

(b) Second-year students must have accumulated five (5) total Carnegie units in the first year, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 Carnegie units in the previous semester.

(c) Third-year students must have accumulated eleven (11) Carnegie units in the first and second years, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 Carnegie units in the previous semester.

(d) Fourth-year students must have accumulated seventeen (17) Carnegie units in the first three years, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 Carnegie units in the previous semester.

(e) Students may accumulate the required Carnegie units for participation during the school year and

Eligibility will be reinstated at the beginning of the next semester.

Summary-

Students must earn 2.5 credits per semester to be eligible.

Sophomores must have a total of 5 credits

Juniors must have a total of 11 credits

Seniors must have a total of 17 credits.

Students entering with a different credit scale must have that converted to participate.

Summer school course are added to previous semester but must be done within 10 days of the start of school.

The coaches and Administration at River Ridge look forward to the continued success of our athletic and extracurricular programs. Participation and competition are a large part of the high school experience but can be an invaluable part of the development of a young adult. We thank you for your time and efforts that will help teachers and coaches make your child's four years at River Ridge a great experience.

Thank you and

GO Knights!

Mike Santoro

Athletic Director