



## Player Code Of Conduct

### GOALS

- \* **To glorify God in all you do:** "that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1:12
- \* **To become more mature in Christ:** "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29
- \* **To play without fear:** "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7
- \* **Develop loving, encouraging peer relationships:** "Therefore, encourage each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

### AS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN ROYALS, I WILL:

Do everything for the glory of God. I am not playing for the coaches, my parents, my friends or even myself. I am playing because God has given me the opportunity and ability.

Accept whatever position I have on the team as the position that God has put me in. If I'm a starter, I will be humble towards the rest of my teammates. If I'm not a starter, I will work hard, have a good attitude, and encourage those playing. If I'm not on the team I want to be on, I will look for God's purpose in my team.

Leave my cell phone out of sight during practices. I don't need to check my texts or the time during practice. I will receive consequences if I am caught with my phone. I will ask for permission if I need to call or text my parents.

Stop talking when one of the coaches starts talking. Ask questions if I don't understand something AFTER the coach is finished. I will also help others understand AFTER the coach is finished.

Communicate well by encouraging my teammates, acknowledging my mistakes, listening when my teammates are encouraging me, etc. Live by the Ephesians 4:29 principle of speaking only what helps build others up. I will also be careful of the tone I use when I speak.

Remember that I am not the coach of my teammate. My words to my teammates are to be ones of encouragement not instruction.

Speak only positive things about my teammates to others. If someone says something that rubs me the wrong way, I will ignore it and respond in love, confront in love, or talk to the coaches. Talking to another teammate about the situation is NOT an option.

Refrain from cussing, using vulgar language, or engaging in unwholesome conversations in person, on texts, or on social media while participating in the Royals program.

Not allow anyone to sit alone. If I see someone sitting alone, I will talk to them. In this way, I will contribute to the desire of all athletes to be in a loving, friendly environment.

Practice good time management by taking care of my school work and other responsibilities so they don't interfere with practices, games, or sleep.

Communicate with the coaches if I will miss practice for any reason or am running late to practice or a match. I will not depend on my parents to do this. I will not pass along a message through a teammate.

Adhere to the Royals' sport-specific dress code set by the coaching staff.

## Absence and Tardy Policy

### GENERAL ABSENCES

**Excused absence:** Illness or death in the family. An illness is defined as running a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, and may require a note from the parent.

**Unexcused absence:** Family vacation, mission trip, congestion, allergies, lack of sleep, minor headache, mouth hurting from braces, PSAT, classes (missing more than half of practice), and homework.

If you are absent from a practice or a game for any unexcused reason, you must make up the missed practice or game. The coaching staff of each sport will set the process for making up a missed practice or game. If a missed practice or game is not made up, the player will face consequences set forth by the coaching staff of each sport. Note: making up missed practices for games can be done in advance.

### PRACTICE TARDINESS

Practice starts on time. This means you will arrive at practice in advance to put your shoes on and socialize before practice starts.

You must call or text your coaches if you will be late. The coaching staff of each sport will set consequences for practice tardiness.

### GAME TARDINESS

You will be expected to arrive at games early, at a time set by the coaching staff of each sport.

You must call or text your coaches if you will be late. The coaching staff of each sport will set consequences for game tardiness.

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Signature

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Date