



# Rough Rider Hockey History



**State Champions:** 1982  
**State Runner-up:** 1981  
**Baron Cup Champions:** 1981, 1982, 1996, 2007  
**League Champions:** 1981, 1982, 1990, 1996, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2015, 2019, 2025

## 2025-2026 Season

COACHING STAFF	POSITION
Mr. Brad Edwards	Head Coach
Mr. Tyler Gallagher	Assistant Coach
Mr. Mike Haney Jr.	Assistant Coach
Mr. Jake Bennett	Goalie Coach
Dr. David Simms	Goalie/Assistant Coach
Mr. Dontae Montemayor	Assistant Coach

## ROUGH RIDER TEAM PHILOSOPHY

The Rough Rider Ice Hockey Program is built upon a long standing tradition of hard work, dedication, discipline and dignity! We will continue to model these behaviors and learn the game of hockey and play at a high level. We want to help to develop all players to meet their maximum potential as students and athletes. The word student will always come first when it comes to our program and athletes will always come second. We will play a very disciplined simple style of hockey that will allow all athletes to be involved and understand the importance of working together. Our vision will be this: "To develop character through team building, to develop a positive atmosphere so players can achieve success and the program will continue to be respected by all teams in the state!"

## TEAM & PLAYER POLICIES

The game of Hockey is going to be very important over the course of the next several months for your son or daughters' lives. There are still other things in life that take precedence. Family and Education should always come first and as a Dad and a teacher I will always do my best to work around any life obstacles with some type of prior notice.

## ACADEMICS

- Grades are first priority, you are here to be students first, and athletes second. All players will obey eligibility mandated by the OHSAA. Must be passing 5 classes and PE does not count.
- Athletes that do not carry a 2.0 or above grade point average will have to fill out a grade sheet weekly and could have to attend study tables.
- Athletes who are ineligible have not taken the time to understand and maintain their priorities and will no longer be an active part of the team.

## PUNCTUALITY

- Punctuality is crucial to our success here and in life. Players will be on time to games and practices.
- If a player has an unexcused tardy he/she will complete conditioning following practice.
- Repeat offenders may expose the team to the above stated conditioning and loss of playing time from the next scheduled game (coaches discretion).

## ABSENCES (Practices and Games)

- All players will ride the bus to and from all games this season. Players need to be at Kent State University Ice Arena 20 minutes prior to the bus departure time.
- **Players must be present at all scheduled events.** If you need to miss practice due to illness, emergency or other personal issues you must inform Coach Edwards. If a player knows ahead of time that he will not be present for an excused reason, he/she should notify Coach Edwards at least a day prior to the absence. All absences due to illness should call/text Coach Edwards' cell phone: 440-477-9954 or emailed to [edwards@mentorschools.org](mailto:edwards@mentorschools.org) by 9am.
- Any player that has to leave school due illness must follow the above procedures of calling or emailing Coach Edwards.
- Unexcused absences of any kind will result in conditioning and will carry loss of playing time. Repeat offenders subject themselves to stiffer consequences and possible removal from the team. (Per the Athletic Handbook)

## GAME DAY DRESS CODE

- **Home games:** Shirts and team ties will be worn by gentlemen and formal attire for young women.
  - You must wear dress pants and nice shoes.
  - No baseball hats.
  - Sweat suits will be used for off ice pregame.(Team knit hats and baseball hats can be worn)
- **Away games:** Sweat suits will be worn.
- Roosevelt Ice Hockey knit hats are acceptable to wear and recommended during the winter.

## IN-SCHOOL BEHAVIOR

- You will conduct yourselves in an appropriate manner on and off the ice, knowing that you represent Theodore Roosevelt High School and the community of Kent.
- **CLASS CUTTING will not be tolerated.** Doing so will result in conditioning, loss of playing time, and/or removal from the program per coach's decision.
- Detentions/Suspensions will be considered unexcused.
- **TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR INSUBORDINATION AND FIGHTING** will be punished through Coach/Athletic Director/Administration investigation.

## BANNED SUBSTANCES

- The Kent Roosevelt substance abuse policy for athletes is covered in the Student Conduct Code and will be followed to the letter.

## HAZING

- Hazing will not be tolerated under any circumstances and is grounds for immediate removal from the team.

## INSUBORDINATION

- Player insubordination will result in conditioning, and/ or removal from a practice or a game.
- Repeat offenders subject themselves to possible removal from the team.