

# **COACHES EXPECTATIONS**

Participating in BVCHEA Football means a commitment to excellence – on the field and off. We will strive to be the very best team that we can be, and with that comes the expectation to be the best we can be individually. Our goal will always be to win the game and we will only have that opportunity through hard work and preparation. More importantly, however, our goal will be to show the love of Christ through our words and actions. As a member of BVCHEA Football, you will be expected to represent your team, your family, and BVCHEA in a manner that reflects the values of a Christian life.

## **PRACTICE**

Attendance at practices is required. Your commitment to being at practices is part of our commitment to excellence. Realistically, there may be circumstances beyond your control that could cause you to miss a practice. If that happens, the head coach should be notified as soon as possible. Please be aware that because we are committed to being the best team we can be, missed practice(s) may be reflected in playing time during the game.

## **CONDUCT**

Your conduct on and off the field is expected to demonstrate maturity and sportsmanship. This is a competitive program and our goal is to win each time we take the field, however, winning is not as important as your conduct toward others. You are expected to demonstrate kindness and encouragement to teammates and opponents – even if their behavior does not.

- \* You must control your emotions. Absolutely no swearing will be allowed at any time.
- \* You must have a coachable attitude. The expectation is that you not talk back or show any signs of disrespect towards your coaches or teammates.
- \* You are expected to be in proper team attire at practices and games. Additional apparel, such as arm sleeves, towels, wrist bands,...etc. are to be black, red, or white (team colors). Because many participants must purchase at the most economical price they can find, shoe color will be an exception to this rule. It is, however, preferred that shoes also be in team colors whenever possible. Jewelry is not allowed during practices or games.
- \* Changing from everyday clothing to football apparel will be done in a private area – such as a dressing room or restroom. Changing on the field or out in public view is not allowed.
- \* We have a very limited amount of time each day in which to practice. Please be on the field and in proper uniform when it is time for practice to begin.

## **GAME CONDUCT**

- \* Be on time to games. As a general rule, you should be at the field one hour prior to game time. Warm-ups will begin 45 minutes before game time, and you are expected to be a part of that.
- \* Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Strong character goes a long way, and will be remembered about you by others long after you have completed your sports activities.
- \* Respect the officials. Never question a call or respond in a disrespectful way. Any questions will come from the coaching staff only!
- \* Respect you opponents. Taunting of opponents will never be allowed.
- \* Keep a positive, never-stop-trying attitude at all times. Even if we are not winning.
- \* All players must play within the rules set forth by our league – TAIIO.
- \* Proper attire is required for games. This includes proper color game pants and jerseys, required pads, and mouthpiece. Any personal items – towels, sleeves,...etc. should be in team colors (black, red, or white).

**EQUIPMENT**

At the conclusion of the season, all equipment issued by BVCHEA must be returned.

**BEFORE AND AFTER PRACTICES AND GAMES**

Every team member should be prepared to help either with field set-up or take down at practices and games. The team members who have the most playing experience are expected to lead this endeavor by example. Being an upperclassman does not exempt you from being a teammate in this activity.

**LOSS OF PLAYING TIME**

The following circumstances may cause your playing time at the game to be limited or lost: unexcused absences, missed practice(s), not in uniform, poor conduct. This is not a comprehensive list. Amount of playing time will be at the discretion of the coaches.

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**PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT (PLEASE INITIAL AND/OR SIGN)**

\_\_\_\_ (student initial) I will strive to be on time to every practice.

\_\_\_\_ (student initial) I will strive to arrive one hour before the start of the game.

\_\_\_\_ (student initial) I will behave courteously and respectfully to my coaches, teammates, and the opposing teams coaches and players.

We, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ have read the guidelines and terms set out in the BVCHEA Football Coach's Expectations above and agree and commit to abide by the guidelines and terms set out above and to encourage our son to do the same.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student signature), have read the guidelines and terms set out in the BVCHEA Football Coach's Expectations above and agree and commit to abide by the guidelines and terms set out above.

We, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ are committed to getting our son to practices and games for the 2018 BVCHEA Football Season. We are committed to participating and being involved in the 2018 BVCHEA Football Season. We are committed to helping our son strive for excellence.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student signature), am committed to playing football for the 2018 BVCHEA Football Season. I am committed to doing my best to be at all practices and games on time. I am also committed to strive for excellence in all areas of my life, including football.