

## **Oakland Warthogs Code of Conduct**

Welcome to the Warthog Club, as with any club we have guidelines we abide by as a team. These codes of conduct ensure that we have a successful season both on and off the field. Should you violate one of these codes of conduct it may result in not playing in a game(s), suspension, team forfeits, or even being removed as a member of the team. Your actions impact your team positively or negatively, depending on you. You are not just joining a club, but a family that cares about each one of their members and wants nothing but the best for you!

- 1. Team Conduct:** Each player represents the Warthog family therefore we ask that you represent our family at team events, trainings, and games in the following manner:
  - Players conduct themselves as gentlemen while in public, on and off of the field. Fighting on or off of the field is not tolerated, this includes dirty play.
  - Players are respectful to opposing teams, referees, all fans, each other, themselves, and everybody else.
  - Profane language is not tolerated.
  - Vandalism or littering, of any form, is not tolerated and will result in immediate suspension and possibly being removed from the team.
  - Players are positive towards one another and towards coaches. Negativity is not acceptable and is not tolerated!
  - Players are on time, or early, to all events. Should a player be absent or late to a team event due to an excusable matter (family matter, school event, tutoring, or etc.) the player shall contact one of the coaches as soon as they know they will be late or absent.
- 2. Grades:** You are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to play in games. In order to be accepted to the college of your choice, earning good grades is required. School is your first priority. Without grades you have no rugby.
  - It is the player's responsibility to have their parents or guardians sign the "Parent's Request for Release of Grades" form and provide all the information required to complete the form. These forms must be submitted back to the coaches before the player is eligible to play in a game.
  - At the end of each academic quarter the player shall provide proof (report card or paperwork from the school) of their academic GPA. Should a player not provide the proof in a timely manner they may be suspended from participating in games or even practices until the information is provided.
  - Should a player not meet the 2.0 GPA, they shall be suspended from ALL game play and possibly the team until the coaches, parents, and teachers are satisfied that the player is eligible academically. The Program's priority is to make sure

you obtain a proper education and we will assist you any way we can to make sure you obtain that goal.

### **3. Training:**

- All players are ready to practice with boots on sharply at the time indicated by the coaches. This includes going to the bathroom before practice ensuring that you do not go during practice and distract the entire team.
- All players bring mouth pieces, cleats (boots), and tennis shoes at every practice.
- Coaches determine when a practice is cancelled and will notify the players. Rugby players play whether it is raining, snowing, or too hot.
- Should a player require a ride to the field, the player will arrive 5 minutes prior to the departure time indicated by the coach. The coach providing the ride will indicate where the player will be picked up and will leave exactly at the indicated time. Should the player miss the ride it is their responsibility to arrive to the field prior to the start of practice. Repeat offenders violating the coaches' kindness and time will result in a forfeit of obtaining rides and possible game suspension.
- All players shall help assist with setting up the light towers and equipment for practice as well as putting these items away after practice. Should the coaches determine that the players are not assisting with setting up or taking down, the coaches will discipline the entire team at the following practice. It is your responsibility as a member of this team to ensure that your teammates help assist with the practice equipment and not the coaches.
- The circle at the end of training is strictly for announcements and positive comments (any complaints can be discussed with the coaches privately afterwards).
- Players shall leave the practice field in the same condition as it was found prior to practice. All trash shall be picked up even if it was on the ground prior to practice. Remember it is a privilege to practice on these fields and to ensure that we are able to continue to practice on these fields we must keep them clean and abide by the field rules.
- If a player is injured during the course of practice or a game he shall notify the coaches of the seriousness of his injury. Even though a player is injured it does not excuse them from attending practice unless discussed with the coaches prior to training. By missing practice a player misses new plays, game plans, or basic team structures implemented by the coaches. Injured players shall assist in water duties unless they are unable to due to extent of their injury.

#### **4. Traveling**

- All players meet at the designated time and location indicated by the coaches. If a player cannot meet at the time indicated he shall notify the coaches the day before. The team will leave at the indicated time therefore it is your responsibility to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to departure.
- We travel as a team. Should a player not travel with the team but instead will meet the team at the location of the game or team event he shall notify and be given permission to do so by the coaches the day before. It shall also be the player's responsibility to get directions from the coaches if they are not traveling with the team.
- All members of the team wear team gear (t-shirts, polo shirts, and etc.) when traveling which the coaches shall indicate at practice.

#### **5. Game Day**

- A group will be indicated prior to the game to help setup the field and layout jerseys. All players will either meet at the field indicated by the coaches and a few may be selected to help assist the coaches in loading up the equipment to deliver it to the field. A second group will break down the field and help collect the jerseys after the game has ended. Should the players listed within those groups indicated not participate in setting up or breakdown. The entire team shall be disciplined at practice following the game.
- The team begins warm-ups an hour prior to kickoff. Therefore all players have their boots and gear on ready to go prior to warm-ups. This includes any taping that players may require, it is the player's responsibility to make sure they get taped prior to warm-ups not the coaches. Should any player not be ready to go at the time indicated, the entire team shall be disciplined at practice following the game.
- Rugby is a gentlemen's game therefore we do not curse or fight with each other or the opposition during the game. We have respect towards one another and our opposition. Should the coaches feel this is not the case you may be pulled from the game and may not return to the game depending on the incident. All players shall respect the coaches' decision. This may also result in the team forfeiting the game, on your behalf.