



Titan Parents,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying your early Summer. Football season is right around the corner and we are excited to get started at all levels of Titan Football. We would like to share with you a change to our team formation policy that will be in effect this season. We are changing our 3-4 team formation policy to be more in line with our other 3-4 and 5-6 models. I can assure you that with any change that we make, there is a lot of group discussion and consideration about the pros and cons of any policy modification. With more players and more teams it becomes a tangled mess to allow friend requests and coach requests to entirely drive the team formation process. Most importantly, it is in the best interest of our program as a whole, here are a couple of reasons...

- We end up with teams that are not balanced in skill, size, speed, experience...which sometimes results in one team not having success and having a negative experience and another team crushing everyone, never being challenged, and ultimately not getting any better. We realize that no one is trying to build a dominant team and simply wants to be with friends and coaches that they know and have a positive experience with, but this often results in teams that are not balanced.
- Often a coach is requested by more families than they can have on their rosters, then the coach is put in the position to say yes to some families and no to others.
- If you look at other sports at this age level (baseball/basketball) they begin to have a process for team formation to "balance the scales," we are choosing to follow that model. This also is in alignment with our 3-4 & 5-6 models for tackle and passing divisions.
- This is the only real way to remain "transparent" in the team formation process.

I also encourage you that if you have other ideas, time, and energy that you volunteer to become involved as a coach or get involved on our board or simply attend a meeting to share your ideas. We will send out a parent email that specifically outlines the team formation process so there is no confusion. If you ever have any questions you can email me or our board and we will do our best to get back to you quickly. I appreciate the opportunity to work with your kids in the future, GO TITANS!

Respectfully, Coach Stanley & the rest of the WSYF Board of Directors