

## Huskies Football: Team Manual

Our coaching philosophy aims to give your Football Player a memorable season that nurtures a passion for football and encourages ongoing participation. We focus on enhancing their physical, mental, and social development, encouraging qualities of teamwork and dedication.

### Athlete Expectations:

- **Players must be respectful, disciplined, and prepared for training.** We welcome players of all skill levels, aiming to showcase everyone's talents through teamwork and hard work.
- **Punctuality and Attendance:** Notify us in advance for any tardiness or absences. Repeated tardiness without notice may impact playtime for at least two games. (coach discretion)
- **Mandatory Practices:** Attendance is crucial for learning plays and ensuring safety, with exceptions for serious reasons like illness or emergencies (must be communicated beforehand). Players are allowed two unexcused absences, excluding the week leading up to big games. More than three absences could lead to not playing in the upcoming game.
- **Continuous Skill Improvement:**
  - Weekly Skill Assessment: Players are expected to show improvement in their skill level week to week for their safety and the safety of their teammates.
  - Focus on Development: As coaches, we assess skills weekly, looking for progress in each player's understanding and execution of football techniques.

### Parent Expectations:

- **Communication:** Use email, or Sports engine for all interactions. Concerns or feedback should be handled through these means initially, with in-person discussions arranged if needed, away from the players.
- **Sideline Policy:** Parents should stay off the field unless specifically invited by coaches. Interference can result in being asked to leave or restrictions from attending games.
- **Timely Pickup:** Ensure prompt collection of your child post-practice or game. Coaches must stay until all players are picked up; please respect this by being on time and notify if someone else will collect your child.
- **Positive Environment:** Parents are expected to avoid negative behavior at all team functions, aligning with our no-bullying policy for players.
- **Volunteer Requirement:** Each player's family must contribute 6 hours of volunteer work. Failure to meet this could impact your child's participation in future seasons.

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### Team Goals:

- State Championship: Our overarching aim is to compete for and win a state championship. This ambition shapes our daily efforts, pushing us to practice hard.
- Athlete Development: Every practice is a step toward personal improvement and deeper football understanding, ensuring our athletes are not only physically prepared but also strategically proficient on the field.