



**North Paulding
Player Policies & Procedures**

HEAD COACH PREFACE:

There are many benefits that go with being a member of the WOLFPACK FOOTBALL PROGRAM...personal accomplishment, public prestige and recognition, team camaraderie, college opportunities and possibly even a scholarship. Along with these benefits comes responsibility and personal accountability. **As we all know... THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH!**

Our program's mission statement is:

We will commit ourselves to reaching our full potential while growing mentally, physically and spiritually. We recognize that we are students first and athletes second. We will personify class and humility on and off the field with the understanding that the family (team) can only progress with the presence of love and respect. We recognize that every action must be with the team in mind and there will be an absence of special privileges for any individual. We know that we will get as our work deserves and that fun will prevail for all.

North Paulding HS Football assumes that you want to live by these same principles.

*****IF THIS ASSUMPTION IS NOT TRUE, WE WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT INDIVIDUAL TO LEAVE THE PROGRAM*****

A. GENERAL RULES

1. Be on time.
2. Be respectful. (family, self, authority, community, team, opponent)
3. Do the right thing. (stealing, ethnic, racial, or religious bias)

B. CORRECTIVE MEASURES (Situation dependent)

1. Extra conditioning: 1st infraction
2. Pride patrol: 2nd infraction (done with extra conditioning)
3. Sponsor program: 3rd infraction
4. Suspension or Dismissal: persistent attendance, attitude problem, sponsor disloyalty, school or legal problem.

C. CITIZENSHIP

The purpose is to develop the student athletes...

1. To be the best person they can be.
2. To be the best students they can be.
3. To be the best athletes they can be.

D. ACADEMICS

The following are the academic policies we will follow:

1. The GHSAA academic eligibility requirements.
2. All players are expected to participate in the Academic Progress Report Program for regular grade checks.

E. ATTENDANCE/COMMITMENT:

1. All players are expected to be at practice and meetings. Only those that come under the following will be excused:
 - a. Enrolled in a after school program (Notify Coach Stark before)
2. Attend a tutoring session (Notify Coach Stark before)
3. If **you** are absent **you** are to contact me by phone or email me at dstark@paulding.k12.ga.us and tell me what is wrong. If you have an early dismissal or are sent home ill you must come and **personally** notify me before you leave. **Parent notes or phone calls are not acceptable.**
4. Makeup work will be required for any absence.

SPRING PRACTICE: Starts on TBD. Expect to be at practice, meetings, and workouts between 3:45 PM and 7:00 PM.

TRYOUTS: Will be the first day of the pre-season practice per the GHSAA calendar.

PRE SEASON: Starts on TBD. Expect to be at practice, meetings, and workouts between times 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

IN SEASON: Expect to be at practice, meetings, and workouts between 3:45 PM and 7:00 PM.

****During the season we will practice Monday thru Thursday even if we do not have school.****

****TO PLAY WE HAVE TO COACH YOU AND WE CAN'T COACH YOU IF YOU ARE NOT HERE!****

A. OFF SEASON CONDITIONING

1. WINTER/SPRING: If not playing another sport all those student-athletes will take part in the after-school program Mon-Friday from 3:40 PM to 4:30 PM.
2. SUMMER: Will begin on TBD Mon-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM during June, July

FOOTBALL RELATED ISSUES

A. PROBLEMS

1. Chain of Command – All problems of a minor nature initially should be addressed to the position coach. **DO NOT WAIT!**
2. Open Door – The Head Coach’s door is always open for any serious problems or advice. Players & Parents are welcomed and encouraged to come in should something come up. **ALWAYS CONFIDENTIAL.**
3. Playing Time – Coaching staff decides. Not negotiable. Here’s what we look for:
 - a. Who wants to play: Attendance off-season and practice, hustle, effort and attitude
 - b. Those we can trust: to do their responsibilities on and off the field.
 - c. Those who have the skills: height, weight, and speed.