

DAWSON COUNTY FOOTBALL

COACH SHAW 101 & PARENT GUIDLINES

TOUGH – INTELLIGENT – GRATEFUL – EFFORT - RELENTLESS

1. DISCIPLINE

- a. We will be a disciplined football team. That is a **NON-NEGOTIABLE!**
 - i. The players may not always like what they hear but it will be what they need to hear
- b. I will handle each incident on a case-by-case basis
- c. Non-Negotiables that will **NOT** be allowed within our program
 - i. Thief
 - ii. Liar
 - iii. Bully
- d. Every player will be treated equally & fairly. Whether that person is a starter or a developmental player.
 - i. If your son gets ISS, he will have consequences after practice.
- e. I will **ALWAYS** have your son's back until your son gives me a reason where I cannot.

2. PRACTICE

- a. Parents will not be allowed on the practice field(s). This is safety issue for you, my staff, and our players. I do not mind if you want to watch practice from outside the practice fields. Please respect my football practice. This is not little league or middle school anymore.
- b. I expect **ALL** players to attend every practice & position meeting
 - i. I understand issues come up and life happens so I ask that you communicate with me ahead of time.
 - ii. We do not miss practices for haircuts, dentist appointments, etc.
 - iii. If you are injured, you are still expected to be at practice **UNLESS** it has been cleared by Coach Shaw or our Athletic Trainer.
 - iv. Please understand that I have a football program to run so if a player misses or continues to miss practice then I have to make a decision for the betterment of this football program.
 - v. **THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES FOR MISSED PRACTICE**
 1. Missed game time / Game Suspension / etc.
 2. Coach Shaw will be the one to determine what is an unexcused or an excused absent

3. PARENT / COACH MEETINGS

- a. If there is an issue and you feel like we need to have a meeting please contact me via phone call, text, or email to set one up.
 - i. I will **NOT** meet with **ANYONE** after a game. Make an appointment.
 - ii. I will **NOT** discuss players other than your son, on-field scheme, or playing time.
- b. Parents will meet with me as the head coach. My assistant coaches will not be available to meet with parents regarding an issue unless approved by me. In some cases, they might sit in on the meeting with the parent and myself.

- i. There are going to be disagreements. One thing I can promise you, we **WILL** make decisions with the best interest of this program and school in mind, not individual players. It will **ALWAYS** be about the **TEAM**.
- c. I ask that you respect my family time as much as possible, I almost always have my phone on me but I also do not cheat my family when I get home from practice. I may get back to you immediately or I may wait till the next morning when I get back into my office to get back with you. **BUT I WILL GET BACK WITH YOU.**

4. LOCKER ROOM

- a. I will have constant supervision within our football locker room. If the players or a player is in that locker room... a coach or multiple coaches will be in there.
- b. Parents are **NOT** allowed in the football locker room. I ask that you respect this policy and the process of your son growing up.
- c. If you need your son, please contact me **ASAP** or a coach. We will always have a coach at the entrance for the purpose of a parent needing their son.
- d. **I WILL NOT TOLERATE A THIEF, LIAR, OR A BULLY IN THAT LOCKER ROOM.**

5. GAME DAY / GAME NIGHT

- a. Please do not check your son out of school on game day unless there is an emergency or you have communicated that with me. I know some things are unavoidable.
- b. We will provide your son with a pre-game meal. Please do not bring food to your son after school on a game day. We will eat a team meal that will give your son the best nutritional value for him to play in the game that night.
- c. Players **WILL NOT** be allowed to go into the stands during a game. If this happens, they can just stay in the stands.
- d. Parents **WILL NOT** be permitted on the sideline during a game. This for the safety of you, our coaches, and the players. Sideline access will be for Team Personnel only.

6. EQUIPMENT

- a. Spring Practice
 - i. Cleats / Socks / Girdle
- b. We will provide everything your son will need for practice:
 - i. Mouthpieces / Knee Pads
 - ii. Helmet / Shoulder Pads
 - iii. Practice Jersey / Practice Pants
 - iv. Our football staff will wash your son's gear every day after practice and have it ready for them the next day

7. GRADES

- a. We will run a grade report every 2 weeks during the season and during the off-season on every player in the program.
 - i. We will help them stay on top of their grades and our staff will be another resource for you in regards to your son's grades.
 - ii. We will be in communication with you and their teachers if there is an issue or if we need to try and get ahead of a potential rising issue.
 - iii. Not all bad --- this grade report process will be used in a positive manner as well.

8. RECRUITING

- a. I will head up all recruiting but I will also have a coach on staff that will be our recruiting coordinator. Announced at a later date
- b. **BE VERY CAUTIOUS OF THESE “RECRUITING SERVICES”**. I will be glad to talk with you as parents or with your son about any of these “recruiting services”.
- c. **Recruiting 101 Presentation for Parents/Players**
 - i. **Social Media**
 - ii. **Recruiting fairs**
 - iii. **Camps / Visits**
 - iv. **SAT / ACT**
 - v. **We will be another resource to help push & promote your son.**

9. INJURIES

- a. **Please make sure our Athletic Trainer is aware of all injuries. She is the first person I will go to concerning injuries, etc.**
 - i. **We can't manage the work load, the rehabilitation process, or the timeline of returning, if we don't have a clue what is going on.**
- b. **We need to understand there is a BIG difference between being hurt and injured.**
- c. **Understand this, the players will always be the number one priority in this program.**

10. TEAM CULTURE

- a. **LONG LIVE THE BROTHERHOOD**
 - i. **Remember who we are... what we have done... & where we are going!**
- b. **F.A.M.I.L.Y = Forget About Me I Love You**
- c. **PROCESS > outcome**
- d. **WE > me**
- e. **1% - Everything we do matters**

11. BELIEVE

- a. **If you fall in love with the process... you will love what the process creates!**
- b. **It takes ALL of us!**