

Eastlake High School Football Parent Contract

Welcome to the Eastlake High School Football Program. We are very happy that your son will be part of this year's football season and we will try to create a positive atmosphere that will give your son a great experience playing high school football. We have a tradition of success at Eastlake High and with your help and support, along with the efforts of our players, staff, and administration, we will continue this successful program. We have the following goals this year:

1. Learn fundamental good football – all players will learn the game of football. This includes proper tackling, blocking, catching, running, and throwing as well as the strategy that makes this game great.
2. Learn Team Building – individual players have skills that help you be successful but an individual without a team will not win championships. Players will learn that everyone on the team has worth and that only by working together as a team can everyone attain the success that we are looking for. Even a player who does not play on Friday nights has a great worth on this team preparing the rest of the team for success. Only by learning to work together as a team will we all earn and deserve the success that awaits us.
3. Goal Setting – Winning a CIF championship every year would be great. Having every player on the team earn a Division I football scholarship would be incredible. While these are certainly some of our long term goals, every player needs to set individual and team goals throughout the season and understand the success that comes with achieving these goals. These goals could be playing hard on scout team to give us a good look, increasing the game blocking percentage, completing more passes, winning a tough game, winning League, or increasing the number of times our defenses forces a turnover. By setting and achieving goals, our players will see success at all levels in what they are trying to accomplish.
4. Work Ethic – Life lessons begin with having a strong work ethic. Showing up on time, doing your best at all times, listening and striving to do what a coach teaches, and working toward excellence in everything that you attempt including school work is essential in all aspects of life to build a young man who will be successful not only in football but throughout life. This game teaches that you can get knocked down but if you get back up and get back in the game, you can accomplish anything.
5. Morals and sportsmanship –We want to win at Eastlake High (the experience is more enjoyable for all when you win) but not at all costs. We will work to keep a high moral standard throughout the program. Players and coaches will be treated with respect and know their roles within the system. Stealing, bullying, and harmful behavior will not be tolerated.
6. Have Fun – This is high school football. The idea is still to have fun. This should be fun for the kids and adults in the program. When this stops being fun, we should no longer do this.

If you notice, winning was not mentioned as a major component. It is believed that if we accomplish the six standards listed above, we will win.

You can expect us to:

1. **Communicate – we will let you know what is happening and return all communications with 24 hours.**
2. **Have your son's best interest always. We will teach safety, respect, and promote your son to help him accomplish any goal he sets.**
3. **Treat all players equally. All players can expect the same treatment regardless who they are.**

The following is what we ask of our parents.

1. **Make sure your son shows up to all events and shows up on time. The number one reason people get fired in their jobs is not showing up and not showing up on time. A player who does not show up to practice will not start, not play for half the game, or not play at all depending on the circumstance. If a player is not going to be somewhere or is going to be late, please let the head coach know so that we can plan accordingly. The rest of the team is relying on you.**
2. **Cheer your son on during the games and be positive in the stands. Remember, other parents are in the stands as well as coaches' families and is very hurtful to hear bad things or uncontrollable behavior during the games. It is also very embarrassing to the player.**
3. **Do not approach or discuss anything with a coach on game day. This includes before, during, or after the game. This game is an adrenaline based, high-stress environment and all discussions need to wait until both the parent and coach can calmly discuss concerns and questions. Wait 24 hours and then contact the coach. Please refrain from any social media until the issue or concern has been resolved.**
4. **Follow chain of command. Any time you have a question or concern, please contact the head coach of your team to arrange a conference. If this does not settle the matter, please contact Coach Price as the head of the program to settle disputes. If this does not bring resolution, we can meet with the athletic director, assistant principal in charge of athletics, and then the principal. We want to address all concerns and questions and the easiest way to do this is to go to the source which is the head coach of that team.**
5. **We do not make cuts. Most football teams cut those players who possibly might not contribute to winning games. We at Eastlake High School do not do this because we want all students to have an opportunity to play contact football while in high school. This leads to having very large teams and only 11 players on the field at a time. There is no mandatory play count at the high school and it may be impossible to get your son into the game. We will play the players that give the team the best opportunity to win and then try to get players playing time that have been working hard whenever possible. All players will get coaching and playing time during practice. It is during practice that they prove to the coaches that they can contribute to the success of the team if given the opportunity to play on game day.**
6. **There is yelling in football. Please understand that this is a big field with lots of kids. Football is also an emotional collision sport that can not be played passively. Coaches (like parents) sometimes need to emphasize a point so that players see the immediacy and importance of the coaching and to get the players to rise to an emotional level to find success on the field. We will work to keep the loud voices positive and emphasize the action that needs to be corrected. We feel very strongly about what we do and are**

passionate about the success of your player. Please understand that we care deeply for you son and will always do what we can to maintain a positive atmosphere (even with yelling) in this program.

We want your son to have an excellent high school football experience and we will do everything in our power to accomplish this. Your son means everything to you and we understand that. We need to look out for the welfare of every player on the team. The coaching staff is very experienced and has achieved great levels of success in the past. Let's have a great season.

Sincerely,

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Please sign below indicating that you have read and understood our roles in the Eastlake High School Football Program. Let's have a great year.

Parent Signature: _____

Name of Player _____

Level (Circle please) :

Freshman

JV

Varsity