



GRAYHAWKS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The Grayhawks Football & Cheerleading organization is committed to establishing an environment that encourages players to try to win with sportsmanship while also learning important life lessons and developing positive character traits. Football plays an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of young players who can recognize choices, think about consequences, and base their actions on that information. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, and spectators to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, players, and cheerleaders involved in football events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example.

As a parent/guardian:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, cheerleaders, coaches, and game officials at every game and practice.
- I will support our team, program, and coach with positivity. I will refrain from “sideline coaching” from the stands. I will remain under control during games in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- I will refrain from using profanity and tobacco products at all times during games and/or practices while on or near the fields.
- I will abide by a doctor’s decision regarding players’ health and injuries during practice and games.
- I will accept the decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials.
- I will not criticize the game officials or the players, fans, or coaches of either team with words or gestures.
- I will support the coaches, players, and officials and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- I will report all injuries or medical issues to the coaches.
- If I volunteer with the first down chain crew, I realize that I am part of the officiating staff and will follow the officials’ instructions. I will refrain from rooting for or against either team, will not coach players, and will not comment to officials or coaches about calls.
- If I watch practice, I will do so away from the team area without coaching the players, criticizing the coaches, or interfering with the practice.
- During games, I will stay outside of the team area unless called to the field by medical or coaching staff due to an injury.
- If I volunteer as the PA announcer for games, I will be impartial between the two teams, will not cheer for or root against either, or criticize any players, coaches, or officials, and will not announce during the play.
- I will not approach any coaches about any concerns (other than injury or health-related) until at least 12 hours after the end of a game. This policy exists to let “cooler heads prevail” and allow emotions to play a decreased role in any conversation or disagreement after a game or contest.



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- I will not discuss any concerns about my child in front of any players or other parents. I will only discuss in front of my own child if it is mutually agreed by myself and the coach that my child should be present for such discussions.
- I agree that I will make every effort to understand the coaches' discretion - within program guidelines - regarding playing time, positions, and other decisions. I have the option to bring my concerns to the Compliance Committee only after first trying to amicably resolve the situation with the coaching staff.
- I will not engage in social media, including TeamSnap or any other forum, with criticism of players, coaches, or parents. TeamSnap and other social media will only be used for informational purposes and to promote the Grayhaws positively. I agree that any and all concerns will be brought to the coaches, the Compliance Committee, and/or the Board privately, not in a public forum.
- I fully understand that inappropriate behavior can result in immediate ejection from the sidelines or stands. Offenses can result in the parents and/or player being barred from future practices, games, and Grayhaws-sponsored activities.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature

Date Signed

Parent/Guardian 2 Name

Parent/Guardian 2 Signature

Date Signed