

2010 COLTS FOOTBALL TEAM RULES

1. Positions and playing time will be earned. In this league every player who doesn't miss an unexcused practice will start at a position and will play at least half the game however, to play more than half the game each player must earn that extra playing time. Where the players start and how long they play in the game will be decided on how the team will be best served and will be the sole decision of the coaching staff.
 2. Parents should not coach in conflict to what we are teaching. In practice or in the game please do not coach from the fence or the stands. This only causes confusion for players who are learning a difficult sport.
 3. If you have a question or concern about how we are doing things, you should speak only to the head coach before or after practice never during a practice or at anytime before, during or after a game. Also, feel free to email or call me.
 4. This team isn't a democracy, we do not vote on what to do. Ultimately all decisions will be discussed by the coaches and the head coach will make the final decisions and be held accountable for the outcome.
 5. Excused practices consist of the following:
 - a. the player is sick (running fever, throwing up or doctor holds him out) we prefer no sick players practice due to their health and the health of the other players
 - b. death in the family
 - c. school event that must be attended (these should be rare, fall festivals do not count, must attend and wants to attend aren't the same)
- Note of Importance:** I do not consider birthday parties, concerts, disney on ice, homework , other sports etc to be considered excused.
6. Players who miss practice for unexcused events and wants, will be docked playing time in the next game and if they don't come to practice at all that week they will not play at all.
 7. Be on time to games and practices, these players cannot drive, therefore you are responsible for getting them there on time. I understand completely the time that has to be put into life however, if your son is late for practice they will run extra and for a game will be docked playing time. I consider late for practice to

be any time after the starting time and late for games to be anything later than 15 minutes before kickoff. I will ask that you be there 30 minutes prior to kickoff. Traffic isn't an excuse, it happens every day, plan for it.

8. Make sure your child has water for practice and games. It will be hot and we are all responsible for our own son's water at practice. A sport drink is good but don't overdo those. One is plenty.

9. We will not have a snack schedule, with all the food sensitivities with this generation of kids and the fact that snack schedules are for the smaller kids and soccer, snacks have no place in football. Plus let's face it no one likes to realize they are the snack family on the way to a game. Provide a snack for your son after the game if you desire.

10. This league is designed as an introduction to tackle football and will be treated that way. I believe that the desire to win is a positive thing however winning at all cost isn't. We will practice and play to win but not at the expense of the players who are playing for the first time. All players will receive reps and will get the chance to improve as the year progresses. This is a sport like none they have ever played and it's not easy however the lessons it teaches them will last a lifetime. We will demand their respect and will not tolerate any player who disrespects the coaches or other players. I do require that all players answer the coaches with yes sir or no sir, if that's an issue then you can deprogram them after the season.

A Word From The Coach: I am a CHRISTIAN and we will pray before each practice and game. I also asked that those of you who share my beliefs to hold me and the other coaches accountable. We should reflect the teachings of CHRIST in the way we conduct this team. At anytime you feel we are compromising the Gospel then please call us out. I covet your prayers and your support. Parents, I am honored to be given the opportunity to coach your son and I thought it would best serve us to have a copy of the team rules for the COLTS.

Sincerely,

Rick Burgess