# Harding Middle School – Football Expectations and Information

## Health Requirements

* You must have a physical and signed concussion form on file with the clinic to get equipment or be able to practice or play in games.

## Practice Times

* Be at practice on time. For after school practices this mean dressed, on the field and ready to go by 3:10 pm.
* Standard dismissal time will be 4:30. On occasion practice will be dismissed earlier. Coaches will notify players prior to days when early dismissal of practice will take place.
* Tardiness to practice will affect your playing status.
* Practices will not normally be held on Friday due to the early dismissal schedule. There may be an occasion early in the season to have one or two Friday morning practices. Coaches will notify players in these cases.

**Missing Practice**

* Three unexcused practices and you will be dismissed from the team. If you will be absent from practice due to a doctor’s appointment, vacation, etc., the coaching staff will need a message (note, phone call, e-mail) from a parent or guardian to excuse you from practice. Messages received after the fact do not count!
* If you are sick and do not come to school that day and it is listed as excused on the attendance summary you are excused from practice.
* Being dismissed from practice for any reason will count as one unexcused absence.

**Classroom Behavior**

* Poor behavior in school **will** affect your playing status. Repeated issues will result in loss of playing time and/or dismissal from the team.
* Absences due to behavioral reasons will be considered unexcused. (Suspensions, etc.)
* If you are sent to the office for any reason on the day of a game, you will not be allowed to play in the game that day. You will make a phone call home to explain why you will not be playing that day.

**Academic Eligibility Policy**

* Academic performance in class will affect your playing status.
  + Failure to work toward academic standards in classes will result in loss of playing time.
* Players are student-athletes. Notice, student comes first.

**Games**

* The A game will be played first, beginning between 3:30 and 3:45.
  + The A game will consist of four 8-minute quarters.
* The B game will follow the end of the A game.
  + B game length varies, but typically is two 20 min running clock halves.
* Away Games
  + You will be released from class at 2:20 for all away games. The coaches will not come find you if you forget.
  + You must ride back to Harding on the bus unless you fill out a Harding Transportation form available from the coaches.
    - Before you leave after the game, you must check out with a coach before riding home with a parent.
  + Team members who are ineligible for any reason will not travel with the team for away games.

## A and B Teams

* Decisions for teams are made based on the following criteria:
  + Practice attendance, Hustle, Behavior, Ability/Talent
* Teams are subject to change on a game-to-game basis depending on eligibility, injuries, sicknesses, etc.

**Coaches Contact Info**

7th – Coach Ken Charipar – [kcharipar@crschools.us](mailto:kcharipar@crschools.us) – 558-3543 7th – Coach Kris Fry - [kfry@crschools.us](mailto:kfry@crschools.us) - 558-3581

7th – Coach/AD Kyle Rodenkirk – [kyrodenkirk@crschools.us](mailto:kyrodenkirk@crschools.us) – 558-3234

Football Expectation Form

After reviewing these expectations with a parent/guardian sign in the space provided and return to your coach. A player may not participate in any game until this form is signed and turned in to a coach.

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Player Parent/Guardian Date