

Avon Middle School North Football Expectations and Philosophy - 2019

I. Goals – We have three goals for the season:

1. Improve as a football team every week
2. We will execute our football schemes and plays to perfection
3. We will give 100% effort each and every time we step onto the football field

As a part of these goals for the season we emphasize the importance of leadership, positive attitudes, pride, and teamwork. Every day we step onto the field whether we are coaching, playing, or supporting our team we are going to do everything we can to achieve these goals.

II. Attitude and Philosophy

1. Schoolwork ALWAYS comes first. Players must keep up their academics throughout the season. It is much more important than football. Also, if behavior issues in school arise they will be dealt with directly.
2. Be a team player. We are only as good as our weakest player; we must build from the bottom up.
3. Be a leader. Encourage all teammates to help others achieve greatness
4. Believe. We must believe that we will meet our goals and that good things will happen. Remember, this is a new year, what happened in the past does not matter.
5. Work. We must be ready to outwork our opponents. No matter where you are on the field, you must be ready to outwork the competitor.

III. Discipline

1. As an athlete, you are a leader in the school and other students will look up to you. Your conduct, both in school and out of school must represent the team in a positive manner.
2. Obscene language will not be tolerated.
3. Attendance. All practices are mandatory if you are at school. If you don't practice, you don't play! If you are at school and miss practice, you **must** see one of the coaches and tell him personally. If you are hurt or ill, practice is still mandatory, however this will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If you do not tell a coach and you miss practice, it is considered an unexcused absence. Any student who serves an after school detention instead of practice will be counted as an unexcused absence from practice for the day

IV. Games

1. **PLAYING TIME WILL NOT BE FAIR AND IS NOT GUARANTEED.** Please talk to your son about their participation in practice. If they are not getting the playing time they would like, it usually is a direct result from a lack of effort/unwillingness in practice.
2. **All players will travel to away games on the bus.** This is to help create team unity. If a player leaves with a parent after the game, direct personal contact must be made with the coaching staff and you will need to sign a release sheet.
3. Be courteous to referees, opponents, and fans.
4. Good sportsmanship will be displayed at all times; if you do not, you will not play.

V. Practice

1. We will practice Monday through Friday from 2:50 till 5:00pm after the first game. (If we cancel practice we will tell the players ahead of time)

2. Parents may come and watch practice, please stay behind the fence though and let the coaches' coach.
3. **We will end practice on time daily. Please pick up the athletes on time.**

VI. Final Thoughts

Players-

The two most important things we as coaches want our players to remember are the following:

- Do not do anything that is going to be detrimental to the team. We all rely on each other during the football season
- Treat others as you would want to be treated

Parents -

Please know that as coaches we are here because we enjoy working with middle school kids. We all chose to work with middle school student-athletes, we will at all points do our best to be prepared for practices and games as well as lead the team in accordance to Avon Middle School policy and what we see fit. However, we cannot guarantee anything except for this, we will treat the players the same as we would want our children to be treated if they were on a middle school football team. Our focus is on them becoming young men who possess characteristics to build a strong future in their academic, personal, and professional lives. The medium to achieve this is football, a great game in which many lessons are learned, goals are achieved, and boys mature into young adults. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the coaches. Thank you for your support and dedication.

Parents, please check the website weekly as we will keep you updated on practices, games, and other info. Thanks!