**Medicine Crow Football Parent Meeting 2023-2024**

**Practice Times**
1. Practice starts at 3:30 until 5:00 PM M/T/TH and 6:30-7:30 AM Wed/Fri. Athletes are expected to be dressed and ready for practice at 3:30PM and 6:30AM. **PLEASE** be here to pick up your athlete at 5:00!

**Attendance**
1. Athletes must participate in 10 practices before they can compete in a game.
2. Tardies and unexcused absences are unacceptable. An athlete will be dismissed from the team if they have **three** unexcused absences or **three** tardies. Coach Sanchez must approve all excused absences.
3. Athletes must participate in practice to be able to play in the games.
4. Athletes must bring a note from parents or a Reminder text for missing practice due to other conflicts.
   Athletes that do not dress out for practice due to not having practice gear will be given an unexcused absence. (They cannot practice in street clothes if they forget their gear)
5. Athletes must be in school at least one-half of the day of a game or they cannot participate in the game.
6. Inappropriate behavior or behavior that threatens the safety of other athletes will result in dismissal from practice and count as an unexcused absence. If an athlete is ejected from a game, he must sit out the next game. The second time an ejection occurs the athlete will be dismissed from the team.

**Inherent Risks**
1. Football is a game of contact and with that injury can occur.
2. Athletes are at risk for minor to serious injury by participating.
3. The coaches require all athletes to conduct themselves within the confines of the rules of the game.
4. Failure to follow the rules and proper technique can result in serious injury to the athlete or others.
5. Failure to follow the rules and proper techniques places the athlete at risk for suspension or dismissal from the team.

**Team Placement**
1. There will be one team this year at Medicine Crow. We will be playing the B schedule.
2. At Medicine Crow the following are considered (but not limited to) in determining playing time:
   a. Position
   b. Experience
   c. Size
   d. Ability
   e. Work Ethic
3. **Some athletes may not play in every game. If coaches believe there is a chance of injury, they will NOT be given playing time “just to get to play”. Football is a physical sport and requires our athletes to be prepared for the physicality. If this is not met, playing time is not mandatory. The Medicine Crow staff refuses to play a player we feel could get hurt. School behavior and grades will also play into these decisions.**
4. Athletes will have the opportunity to learn the skills of multiple positions on both sides of the ball, but due to various game factors and rules, they may only find game time on one side of the ball.

**Games**
1. All athletes must ride the bus to all away games. The parent and athlete can check out with Coach Sanchez and ride home with a parent after the away game.

**Insurance**
1. School District #2 carries a supplemental insurance policy. If your athlete is injured during football, please call the main office for additional information on this policy.
2. There is a student insurance policy available through the school if needed. Contact the main office if interested.

**Schedule**
1. Our game schedule is complete. I will get it for all the athletes to have and post it on the school website.
   (Game One has Medicine Crow football fan gear. The link is on the MCMS homepage- Activities tab.)

For questions, feel free to contact me at 406-281-8653 or at sanchezv@billingschools.org
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(If any student or family is in need of ANY assistance for cleats, do not hesitate to contact us privately)