

# Wheatland Junior Pirates (WJP) Contract 2024 - FOOTBALL

Welcome to Wheatland Jr Pirates Football and Cheerleading organization (WJP). Our organization places great importance upon helping young people by involving them in an athletic program that builds character, self-esteem, and emphasizes teamwork. Discipline, hard work, and cooperation act as the foundation for this league. We have developed standards, rules, and regulations by which we expect each cheerleader and parent to abide by.

Players Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please clearly print first and last name)

## PLAYER SECTION:

1. I understand that being a Jr. Pirate is a privilege and I agree to uphold the high standards of the program by acting with self-control, and in an orderly manner. I also understand that open criticism of WJP's program or the coaching staff in public is grounds for removal from WJP. This includes criticism by family and friends. I understand that I must show consideration for all personnel connected with WJP at all times and physical, verbal or personal abuse of a parent, football player, cheerleader or game official before, during or after a game, including derogatory or demeaning posts on Social Media accounts and online, will not be tolerated by WJP and will result in disciplinary actions.
2. I understand we are guests of Wheatland High School. The Wheatland High School Football Program will have times in which our practices will overlap. I am not to be a distraction to these practices and will stay clear of all High School activities. I am not permitted to be on the field or practice areas when occupied by the High School for any of their activities.
3. I agree to encourage my teammate's efforts, and not criticize my teammates for mistakes. I will always show them respect and courtesy. Bullying WILL NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate disciplinary action.
4. I will be respectful and give my undivided attention to my coaches and instructors at all practices, games and WJP events. I will not bring friends to practice.
5. I will show respect to all WJP staff, coaches, instructors and parents.
6. I understand that any disruptive behavior or my failure to follow instructions could result in any of the following: dismissal from the WJP, barred from other association functions, restricted playing time on game day, or suspension from game or multiple games.
7. All cell phones must always be turned off and put away during practice and games. This includes during water and bathroom breaks.
8. I understand that school holds priority over football. If my parents feel football is interfering with academics, I will not be allowed to participate in football until my parents are satisfied with my grades and efforts. In addition, I will be respectful to school administrators by not causing problems or disruptions at school, which can potentially cause removal from football.
9. I can bring any and all unfinished homework to practices if I am unable to complete my homework prior to the start of practice.
10. I agree to attend all scheduled practices, and if I am unable to attend I will contact my coach or my team mom. **Unexcused absences and tardiness will affect participation time on game day.**
11. I will **NEVER** hit or tackle my teammates or other players unless under the direction and supervision of a coach. This includes before/after practices and before/after my scheduled game or at school. This could result in disciplinary action such as sitting out practices and games.

12. I must warm up in order to play and it is *NOT* optional. If I am late, I must stretch and run before participating in practices or games.

13. Practices begin July 15, 2024 promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. rain or shine at Wheatland Union High School.

Practice will be held four nights a week Monday – Thursday. After Jamboree (Sunday, August 11th, 2024) , practices will be reduced to three (3) nights per week Tuesday - Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

14. I will arrive at all games 1 ½ hours prior to the start time or as directed by my Head Coach. Being late on game day can result in decreased or no play time for that game. Habitual tardiness for check-ins will also result in further disciplinary action.

**Uniform (check each box to show that you have read and understand uniform expectations) :**

- ☐ I must wear my assigned jersey from **THIS YEAR** to every game.
- ☐ Jerseys must be tucked into pants.
- ☐ I must come to check-ins on game day in full gear and uniform: shoulder pads, mouth pieces, correct color jersey, game pants, game socks (this includes any possible socks issued for Pink October) cleats and helmet. If any part of my uniform or gear is missing, it could result in not playing that game.
- ☐ I may not come to practice in issued game pants or game jerseys. I will come in my gray practice pants and issued practice jersey (no other jerseys will be allowed. This includes prior year's jerseys.
- ☐ I must come to practice in full gear every day (except for the first week, which may be helmets only). Failure to adhere to this will result in non-participation.
- ☐ I **MUST** always have a mouth guard in my mouth while on the playing field, at both games and practices.
- ☐ I will not add stickers or tape to my helmet, unless it is done by WJP staff or coaches.

**Food/Refreshment:**

- NO gum, candy, sunflower seeds or soda during practices or games.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Medical alert bracelets are allowed and I must ensure that the bracelet is noted on my player's card. I will ensure my head coach is informed of my medical bracelet and any other medical condition. I also agree to provide my head coach with my inhaler if required.

**PARENT SECTION:**

1. I understand that being a Pirate is a privilege and I agree to uphold the high standards of the program by acting with self-control, and not in a disorderly manner. I also understand that open criticism of WJP's program or the coaching staff in public is grounds for removal of my child from WJP. This includes criticism by family and friends. I understand that I must show consideration for all personnel connected with WJP at all times and physical, verbal or personal abuse of a parent, football player, cheerleader or game official before, during or after a game, including derogatory or demeaning posts on Social Media accounts and online, will not be tolerated by WJP. As an adult, I am responsible for setting the example for children in WJP and my conduct may be grounds for removal, dismissal, suspension, or banishment from WJP functions.
2. I understand we are guests of Wheatland Union High School. The Wheatland Union High School Football Program may have times in which our practices will overlap. I am not to be a distraction to these practices and will stay clear of all High School activities. My child is NOT permitted to be on the field or practice areas when occupied by the High School for any of their activities.
3. I understand that the use of any tobacco products / vaping products is prohibited at any WJP practice or game.

4. I understand that my child is part of a unique program and that every effort will be made to physically and mentally prepare my child for the demands of contact football, and that my child is aware of the requirements set forth in the player section of this contract.
5. I understand that I am not allowed at any time within **30 feet** of the game or practice field without the Head Coach's permission. ***\*Standard rule is unless you have a 2024 SYF Badge, you are not to be within 30 feet of practices or games.***
6. I understand that a meeting with Coaches must be pre-arranged and conducted prior to or after practice, **AND NEVER ON GAME DAY**. Meeting with Coaches, President, Cheer Coordinator and/or Parent Liaison must be conducted prior to or after practice. We encourage you to coordinate/schedule a meeting in advance to ensure availability of WJP Staff. If I want to address a concern or situation I will abide by the following steps:
  - a. Fulfill the required 24-hour cooling off period, prior to any communication
  - b. Submit an email stating your concern and how you would like to proceed (schedule a meeting, etc.) to our **Parent Liaison (Cami Botonis) at [jrpiratespl@gmail.com](mailto:jrpiratespl@gmail.com)**
7. I agree to take responsibility for equipment that is issued to my child. I understand that the equipment must be cleaned and returned in the way I received it or I will be financially responsible for replacement and cleaning costs.
8. I understand that my child is entitled to instruction at practices. I also understand that unexcused absences (missed practices, disciplinary reasons, etc.) or tardiness will result in less play time. I also understand I must contact WJP (team mom or head coach) prior to the start of practice or the start of the scheduled game when my child is unable to attend. ***Contact Team Mom's or Head Coach through TeamSnap ONLY, please no direct text messages or phone calls!!!***
9. I understand that if my child does not go to school, is suspended, or is expelled by a school official; my child may not be allowed to participate in WJP. If I determine that my child's continued participation in WJP is adversely affecting my child's schooling, and advise WJP in writing, my child is immediately ineligible to participate in WJP. I also understand that my child is no longer a part of the WJP, not eligible to receive a trophy, participate in banquets, and there is no refund of player's fees.
10. **I understand that as a parent it is mandatory that I must volunteer a minimum of six (6) hours per child, or twelve (12) hours for multiple children, or my \$150 Volunteer Fee will not be refunded at the end of the season.** The WJP Volunteer Coordinator ([jrpiratesvolunteerc@gmail.com](mailto:jrpiratesvolunteerc@gmail.com)) will generate a volunteer schedule and inform me of my assigned responsibilities. I have noted any physical limitations below. If I am unable to work my assigned shift, that shift will be filled by a high school student or outside volunteer (assigned by WJP), who will be compensated using volunteer fees. Changes can only be made to the Volunteer Schedule if approved by the Volunteer Coordinator. You must complete all hours before your volunteer fee will be refunded. **If only partial hours are worked, your volunteer fee will not be refunded.** I also understand that participation for fundraisers is **ESSENTIAL** to the success of the WJP program. ***Only one grace period will be granted for a no-show or cancellation without notification within 24 hours. In the event of a second occurrence, your ACH deposit return will be automatically forfeited.***
  - a. **Physical Limitations:** \_\_\_\_\_
11. I understand I am responsible for providing my child timely transportation to and from all WJP functions, including practices, games and post season games.
12. I understand that my child is being registered to participate in WJP based on his/her birthdate, per Sacramento Youth Football (SYF) rules. **A participant may be moved up (1) level if deemed necessary by, and at the sole discretion of the WJP Board of Directors.**
13. I will attend the **MANDATORY** Parent's Meeting for my child's team, which will be scheduled by the Head Coach.

14. I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that no helmet can prevent all concussions, head or any neck injuries a player might sustain while participating in youth football. In addition, as a parent, if I feel or am notified that my child has sustained a concussion, I will comply with removing my child from a game or practice, and seek medical attention by obtaining a letter from the health care provider to return my child to a game or practice.

**By signing below, we (player and parent/guardian) understand that the above rules are NOT negotiable. We will adhere to rules.**

**Our failure to comply with the rules will result in the potential removal from WJP, and forfeiture of all fees paid.**

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Player Printed Name

Player Signature

Date