



BEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

FOOTBALL STANDARDS

1. PAPERWORK

- a. A complete and current CHSSA physical form and completed Fall Athletic registration must be on file in the athletic office (Ms. Simons) before the first official practices begin (required day per CHSAA) in August.
- b. No student/athlete will be allowed to participate in workouts or practices until the head coach receives a clearance list from the athletic director's office.

2. FEES AND FUNDRAISERS

- a. There will be many fundraising opportunities. The BIGGEST fundraiser will take place in the summer in order to fund our upcoming season. **EVERYONE'S FULL PARTICIPATION WILL BE EXPECTED.** It is absolutely critical to the success of the entire program.

3. ATTENDANCE

- a. Athletes are expected to attend each scheduled workout, practice and game. Exceptions may be, but not limited to; academic related issues, illness/injury or family matters.
- b. In the event of an absence from practice or games, the head coach must be notified. **ABSENTEEISM AND TARDINESS are forms of disrespect.** School, Class, Team and Practice are very important in educational and athletic development.
- c. Dress list rules for games:
 - i. Varsity dress list will be posted on Wednesdays of game week. Players will be placed on this dress list based on competition, performance, safety and noticeable practice contributions.
 - ii. **ALL PLAYERS WHO DO NOT START FOR THE VARSITY THAT WEEK ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN THE JV GAME, FROSH GAME OR BOTH UNLESS TOLD BY THE HEAD COACH.**

4. ACADEMICS

- a. **School comes first.** Eligibility will be checked on a weekly basis and any athlete with more than 1 F in their classes **may be ruled ineligible by the head coach.** The length of the ineligible period will be 1 week (Sunday to Sunday). It is not related to the number of games in a certain time period.
- b. Players may be tardy for legitimate academic issues. It is the player's responsibility to bring a note from the teacher to Coach Thenell or Coach Hollis (Assist. Head Coach) excusing the tardy.

5. SAFETY/HORSEPLAY

- Student/Athletes are expected to follow all Bear Creek High School rules regarding safety in, around and during use of all equipment and implements associated with football as explained by the coaching staff.
- Accidents do and will occur. However, it is our goal to prevent any accidents from occurring as a result of a breach of safety or horseplay rules.
- **HAZING OR ABUSE OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Any incidents of hazing or abuse should be reported to Coach Thenell, Mr. Morris or administration immediately. Any players involved will be dealt with by doing what is right, honest and decent concerning the situation.

6. JEWELRY

- a. Jewelry of any kind is not permissible in football. This includes piercings and harmless wrist or ankle bracelets. If an athlete tries to compete and is in violation of the jewelry rule, they will be immediately sent off the field until jewelry is removed.

7. LOCKERS

- a. Lockers are available for all football athletes. Players need to see Coach Thenell for a locker. **Sharing of combinations is not recommended**
- b. **Lockers are the responsibility of the athlete.** Stealing can be a problem in the locker room. Athletes need to be extra careful when using lockers and sharing information about their locker to prevent loss of personal items. Athletes are to report any thefts or loss of property to Coach Thenell, Mr. Morris or administration immediately

8. TRANSPORTATION

- a. Transportation to and from games is provided by the school when possible. Players are expected to ride the bus to and from games unless instructed otherwise by the athletic department. Players may be excused from returning on the bus only in extreme circumstances. In these cases, players will only be excused when there is a visible parent to be released to.

9. COMMUNICATION

- a. **TeamReach** is our primary mode of communication outside of practices. **Players and parents/guardians** are expected to join and check regularly for cancellations, announcements and information. Use code BCTDC.
- b. **Players** are expected to supply us with a working e-mail and cell number for HUDL. **HUDL is for player use only.** Coach Hollis is in charge of HUDL administration.
- c. **New Contacts:**
 - Complete the contact us form on bearcreekfootball.com with cell Phone and working e-mail.