

# Tribe Football

## NGHA Football Player/ Parent Handbook

All student athletes involved in the NGHA Football program will be expected to behave in a way that exhibits Godliness, class, teamwork and a commitment to excellence. We are a Christian program and the way that we act will be a direct reflection of the entire program including players, coaches and parents. You will be held to a higher standard on and off the field.

TITUS 2:7- "IN ALL THINGS SHEWING THYSELF A PATTERN OF GOOD WORKS: IN DOCTRINE SHEWING UNCORRUPTNESS, GRAVITY, SINCERITY".

There will be zero tolerance for cursing or negative talk about any player, coach or anyone else. We should be helping each other by lifting them up, not tearing each other down. We are not just a Christian organization in name, but rather we expect all players, parents, and coaches to exhibit Christ in all their actions and speech to one another and others. Following Jesus instruction That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

As a team we are only as strong as our weakest link. You should only want to strengthen the links, so we are a stronger team. The influence you have now could have a lasting impact on someone's life, make it a good one.

### Playing Time

There is no guaranteed playing time with Tribe on any level. The bible teaches if a man doesn't work, he shouldn't eat. While this may seem excessive and callous, we believe guaranteed playing time goes against the teachings of the bible and creates a sense of entitlement in young people. While we do try and give everyone an opportunity to grow their abilities throughout the season, we want to be a Christ centered organization that is competitive and teaches young people that hard work is essential to success and there are no guarantees in life. Showing up is the first step in earning playing time with Tribe.

Practicing at home is also essential. David practiced with his slingshot over and over again so when he stepped on the field of battle he was fully prepared to succeed in God's will for him. If you don't know what to practice ask the coaches, we are more than happy to help anyone.

## Attendance

-You are expected to make every attempt to be at all football events.

-You are expected to be at every practice and on time. Preferably 10- 15 minutes early.

-If you cannot make an event you are expected to notify the coaches a minimum of 2 hours before start time. Games are different, they should have a minimum 24 hour notice given to the coaches.

-You are required to always give 100% and hustle in everything you do. There is no walking on the field..

-Where and how much you play is up to you and the effort you put into practice so attendance is required.

## Conflict Resolution

-In all areas of life there will be disagreements on how things should be done. In the case of games and practice it is up to the coaches. All of our coaches are approved through the board and are expected to lead in practice and games. Parents and family members are not allowed on the practice field unless prior permission has been given. If you have a problem, concern, or wish to help we will be glad to talk with you after practice. Any concern or problem should be handled in a controlled calm matter. Coaches are not expected to deal with any parent or kid that is raising their voice or acting in an intimidating manner. This type of behavior can lead to removal from the program.

-If you have a problem with a game there is a strict 24 hours policy before and after a game to speak with a coach. Before and after games bring very high emotions with the kids and especially with the coaches. It is never good to work through any issues when emotions are high. 24 hours gives everyone time to cool down from the emotions of the game and reflect on how we can improve from the mistakes that were made.

## Behavior at Events

All players, parents and family members must adhere to Christ like behavior in every aspect of their lives while participating with the Tribe Activities. Each and every one of us represent not only Christ, but we also contribute to the reputation of everyone associated with Tribe. Pastors, Sunday School Teachers, Churches, Missionaries, and many families are part of the tribe, and your actions can impact others' views of the people and organizations associated with Northeast Georgia Homeschool

Athletics. The last thing we want is to prevent someone from coming to Christ because of our actions or general behavior with a game or practice that no one will remember.

It is each parent's responsibility to make sure everyone in their family understands the code of conduct required to be part of tribe.

Failure to follow Christ-like behavior in action, speech, or written communication on or off the field may result in removal from the team and all Tribe Athletic Sport Programs. This applies to the athlete as well as family members of each athlete. Should anyone fail to follow these guidelines, each incident will be reviewed by the Coach and the Board and addressed on a case-by-case basis

We expect a great season and hope everyone is looking forward to a fun Christlike environment where each young adult can grow and be better than we were yesterday.

GO TRIBE!

## NGHA Tribe player/ Family Handbook acknowledgment.

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PLAYER SIGN X \_\_\_\_\_

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PARENT NAME X \_\_\_\_\_

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