

# BETHEL FOOTBALL

“PROTECT THE HIVE”



“If you could get all the people in an organization rowing in the same direction, you could dominate any industry, in any market, against any competition, at any time.”  
This is the ultimate goal of the Bethel Football Program.

Parents' Meeting  
2018

# Introduction

The Bethel football staff wants the parents to know that we are going to hold the players to a very high standard both on and off the field. By "high standard," we mean that players are expected to be on time, dressed appropriately, and ready to give 100% effort all of the time.

We feel there are so many life lessons that can be learned from playing football that just cannot be learned in a classroom or any place else. When your son graduates, we want him to be ready to tackle the world. We want him to say that his football experience did more to prepare him for real-life than anything else he did while at Bethel High School.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!!

## Coaching Staff Introduction

- ✓ Head Coach- SCOTT CLODFELTER
- ✓ Assistant Coach- KERRY DAVIS
- ✓ Assistant Coach- SEAN FORD
- ✓ Assistant Coach- AUSTIN JOHNS

## *Coaching Staff Philosophy*

- ✓ Coaching is the elimination of mistakes
- ✓ No turnovers + No Penalties = Wins
- ✓ Put kids in position to be successful
- ✓ No team will be in better condition

## *3 Questions we ask of everyone in our program*

1. Can I trust him?
2. Is he committed to excellence?
3. Does he care about other people?

\*The answers to these questions will let us know if this person can contribute to our team.

## *Academics*

- ✓ Everyone's number one concern.
- ✓ What does your son have to do to stay eligible?
  - Be enrolled in at least 6 academic classes (PE doesn't count)
  - Pass at least 5 academic classes
  - Receive no more than one F for the grading period
  - Maintain a GPA of 1.5

### *Grooming*

- ✓ Hair is to be cut and kept **well groomed**. This is to ensure the fit of the helmet and overall **safety** of the player.
- ✓ Facial hair should be kept to a minimum for sanitary reasons.
- ✓ The football season should not be a time to experiment with your appearance.

### *Social Aspects*

- ✓ You are a student and athlete of Bethel High School. Your attitudes and activities are a direct reflection on you, the school, your parents, and your team. Do not embarrass yourself or your teammates.
- ✓ Never let a little problem become a big problem. Do not hesitate to contact any of the coaches about any problem you may have.

### *Training Room*

- ✓ The training room and staff are there to prevent and treat injuries. It is not a **lounge** or an excuse to be late to practice.
- ✓ Any and all injuries should be reported to both the coaching staff and the training staff.
- ✓ The trainer will provide you with a list of rules you are expected to follow.

### *Visitors*

- ✓ **Visitors are not allowed** in the locker room after practice or games without the permission of the head coach.
- ✓ This is a special and often private time for members of the team and staff.

### ***Parent Concerns***

Anytime a parent has a concern and wants to discuss it, I will be available to do so. However, I would like to set aside a specific time to do so. I will discuss concerns with any parent between 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm any Saturday during the season. This is a time that I will be least busy and will be able to give you the time you deserve. **I am going to require that the athlete be present at any parent meeting. This way full communication can be clear with all the involved parties. Additionally, I would like to know what topic you wish to discuss so I can prepare for the meeting.** In the past, I have found myself having difficulties with a parent while the actual player did not have a problem.

### ***Parent Coach Relationships***

- ✓ Communication is Key
- ✓ I will explain the expectations that are going to be placed on your son.
- ✓ **Inherent conflict. (Example)**

### ***Communication You Should Expect from the Head Coach***

1. Philosophy of Coach (see back of packet)
2. Expectations
3. Locations and times of all practices and games
4. Team Requirements
5. Procedures to follow should your son be injured.
6. Discipline that result in the denial of your son's participation.
7. That your child will be treated with respect.

### ***Communication the Head Coach expects from Parents***

- ✓ Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- ✓ Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
- ✓ Any specific concerns in regards to an expectation.

HS football will be one of the most rewarding times of their lives. It is also important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

### ***Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches***

- ✓ The treatment of your child (verbally, mentally, or physically)
- ✓ Ways to help your child improve
- ✓ Concerns about your child's behavior

### *Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches*

- ✓ Playing time (based on production)
- ✓ Team Strategy
- ✓ Play Calling
- ✓ Other Athletes
- ✓ Basically, all the things that people complain about in the stands need to remain in the stands.

In years past, I spent way too much time dealing with issues not related to helping the team achieve its potential. I will not put myself in that situation again. I do not have time to waste defending some things we will do on the field. I believe we have a very good coaching staff and decisions are made based on what we feel is best for the team in route to achieving our ultimate TEAM goal.

Complaining is easy, supporting is a choice. Please make the right choice.

### *Excuses to miss practice*

- ✓ Injury documented by doctor or trainer
- ✓ **Occasional** academic concerns
- ✓ Extreme family emergency

### *Practice*

- ✓ Will be held from **3:30 - 6:00** daily during the season.
- ✓ We will sometimes stay late to watch film. Never past 7:00pm.
- ✓ The varsity will practice on Sat. from **8:30 - 11:30 am**
- ✓ If you plan on picking your son up, I would come at 6:15pm on days we do not have film. This will give him time to take pads off etc...
- ✓ Players who miss practice with no excuse or because of issues at school are subject to a game suspension ranging from a quarter to a full game

### *Substance Abuse Policy*

- ✓ We will follow the **district guidelines** set out by the athletic department.
- ✓ We lost several people in the past for violating this rule.
- ✓ Penalties range from suspension to dismissal from the team
- ✓ Bethel Administration will have final say on all of these situations
- ✓ Any suspension from school for any amount of time will result in a 1 game suspension of the next game

### **Game Day Organization and Conduct**

- ✓ Players will not be permitted to go home after school.
- ✓ Players will have a pre-game meal provided by the football club prior to each game.
- ✓ We will have planned activities all the way to game time.

## Team Rules

1. Be here on time.
  2. Be where you are supposed to be.
  3. Be doing what you are supposed to be doing.
- **Do what is right and avoid what is wrong. If you have any doubts as to what is right or wrong, consult your parents or coach. Do not accept anything less than your best effort in any area of your life.**
  - **“Be a winner on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.”**
- ✓ **Communication Standard**
    - Any issues relating to the availability of a player must be communicated to either the position coach or the Head Coach. Communication is the key to all success and it’s a good habit for the kids to develop.
  - ✓ **Attendance**
    - Players who fail to attend all practices and team activities are eligible for a potential suspension.
  - ✓ **Tardiness**
    - Players who come late to practice without a note from a teacher or a trainer may also be suspended for a game.
  - ✓ **Effort**
    - Players who consistently do not give full effort in practice based on the coaches observation may be subject to not dressing on Friday Night.
  - ✓ **School Conduct**
    - Any conduct that is unbecoming of a Bethel Football Player in the school setting is subject to disciplinary action. We will not tolerate players bringing the program negative publicity.

## **Bethel High School Football Coaching Philosophy**

**If I walked out to a practice what would I see from our coaches?**

- 1) Expect to see loud aggressive coaching.**
- 2) Coaches sending consistent messages to players. No chink in the coaching armor.**
- 3) Coaches with high expectations for their players.**
- 4) Personality changes in some people.**
- 5) Coaches communicating, Coaches communicating, Coaches communicating.**
- 6) Players rising to the expectations of the coaches, not coaches coming down to the players level.**
- 7) Resiliency from all involved in the program.**
- 8) No politics.**
- 9) Keeping it simple.**
- 10) Repetition, Repetition, Repetition**
- 11) Practicing what the kids are capable of doing at 100% speed.**
- 12) Preaching that no turnovers + no penalties = wins.**

**Hopefully, this view is shared by many of us in this room. Football is a different type of game and requires a philosophy that leads to toughness, competitiveness, and teamwork. As coaches, we do our best to model the above coaching characteristics.**

## **Ten Don'ts**

1. Don't try to live life through your son. Don't force football down their throats.
2. Don't be negative with your son. It rubs off.
3. Don't be unrealistic. Accept his role on the team.
4. Don't knock the coaching staff. Your son will not perform to his fullest if all he hears from you is negative. Don't send the wrong message.
5. Don't be envious of other players. Don't dislike a player because you don't like his parents.
6. Don't be a know-it-all. Let us coach. We will be spending a lot of time with your son. **SUPPORT US.**
7. Don't be an absent parent. Monitor your son's grades, put academics first.
8. Don't neglect your son's social activities. Monitor his friends and hangouts.
9. Don't be selfish. Use football for the right reasons. Very few receive scholarships. Let him play because he loves the game.
10. Don't baby your son. Cut the cord. It's a tough world out there. Let us prepare him for it by challenging him mentally and physically.

## **My Type of Player**

1. Knows that football players are looked up to by other students, teachers and the community, and will do nothing on or off the field that brings disgrace to the team and its members.
2. Knows that each of us will not be completely happy with all the decisions during the season. He learns that he must adjust to team situations, not the team to his situation. He will go along with the decisions because they are made in the best interest of the team.
3. Never criticizes a teammate.
4. Is a hustler every second in practice and games.
5. Non-headache players.
6. Players who can and do.
7. Players not looking for handouts.
8. Responsible people.
9. Never alibis, realizing that he has given his best effort and that there are some things over which he has no control.
10. Players who play hard, have humility and a sense of fair play.

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If a parent, player and coach meeting is necessary, please be advised of the following rules:

## Playing time is a **non-discussable** issue.

If your son is not playing as much as you wish, it is simply that the coaching staff feels that another player is doing better at that position. It is as simple as that and will not be discussed.

## The position your son plays is a **non-discussable** issue.

Every effort will be made to put kids in positions they wish to play. However, there are times we need him to play another position. When that occurs, it is because it is in the best interests of the team.

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**ARE YOU PART OF  
THE PROBLEM OR  
SOLUTION?**

**E+R=O**

**MENTOR PROGRAM**