

## **Expectations of Football Parents**

**We primarily communicate through email and our website  
([www.littletigersfootball.com](http://www.littletigersfootball.com)).**

- There are simply too many participants for phone calls. If you are not receiving email or if your email has changed, contact **[littletigersfootball@gmail.com](mailto:littletigersfootball@gmail.com)**.
- We attempt to keep the website up to date and information, calendars, announcements and practice information posted on the website as well as through email to you.
- The calendar is on the website.
- Please check the website and your emails often (daily after noon is preferred) for important announcements.
- Your son's team will also be assigned a team manager. They will communicate additional, team specific, information to you throughout the season.

### **Preseason**

- Football players must be present at registration. They need to sign the waiver and be sized into a uniform.
- Football players must attend equipment pickup. Equipment will need to be sized for your player. If for some reason you are unable to attend it is your responsibility to contact the Equipment Manager PRIOR to the start of practice. It is very disruptive to try to get your equipment on the day of the first practice and first practice equipment pickup should not be relied upon.
- Make sure your player has cleats, a properly fitting athletic cup and the mouth piece provided at equipment pick up has been boiled and fits properly prior to the first practice.
- It is encouraged that you try all of your player's equipment and uniform on the shortly after picking it up. This will give you a window of opportunity to make arrangements with the Equipment Manager to exchange anything that doesn't fit properly.
- A \$100 deposit (check or cash) will also be taken at the time of equipment pick up. This will be held (not cashed) until the end of the season. If all equipment and uniforms are returned in good condition and volunteer requirements are met, you will be given this back in full at the end of the season.

### **In Season**

- Please make sure that your player is attending all practices and is there on time.
  - Practice begins promptly at 6PM. Please have your son to the fields at

5:45 on practice nights, this gives them time to put on pads, strap up helmets, etc. o Communicate with your son's coach or team manager if they will be absent. Excused absences include illness, family emergencies and school related activities (This includes if you son has the need to study for a test or excessive homework. School comes first, but please emphasize to your son to balance football and school and missing for homework/tests should not become routine). o Football is a complicated sport and missing practice places your son and

his team at a disadvantage. o Your son will also need to have all of their equipment each practice

(practice uniform, all pads, helmet, mouthpiece as directed by the club and/or their coach). It is also their responsibility to make sure that none of the equipment is left at the field.

- Your son needs to be ready to weigh in on game days at least 1 hour prior to the start of the game. This means arriving to the field 15-30 minutes prior to that time so that the coaches can get the boys ready to weigh in. Failure to weigh in on time will result in loss of playing time per league rules.
- Make sure that your team manager and coach has the proper contact information for you. You will receive weekly updates as well as last minute information. Communication will be via email and/or text. It will be important to check both forms of communication throughout the day because there can be changes due to weather, etc. It will also be your responsibility to communicate if your son will not be at an event.
- While the Club highly encourages you to volunteer and be involved, the league rules prevent you from being on the field during practice or games (including halftime). If you would like to be involved in coaching, please contact the Athletic Director and fill out a Coaches Application Form.
- Players will not be allowed to leave the fields after practice and go to you. You will need to pick your child up from the area hosted with your child's age prior to team splits. After team splits, you will need to pick up your child from their coach on the team's assigned field.
- Our Club strives to have a positive influence on the boys and to have a well-respected reputation within the Tri County Football League, the District 7 Schools and the community. It is your responsibility to help us maintain this reputation. Parents and players should display good sportsmanship at all Little Tigers functions. Remember that players will use your behavior as an example for their own.

## **Volunteer Requirements**

- Each family is required to complete a minimum of 6 hours of volunteer work for the club.
- A minimum of 2 hours per family must be completed in the concession stand.
- Other opportunities are chain gang, taking pictures at games, video taping games, announcing games, writing game summaries for the newspaper, tracking play counts, working at or setting up special events such as weigh in, Friday Night Lights, Orange and Black Scrimmage, Tiger Time Out and Cheer Fest.
- These will be coordinated and tracked by your team manager.
- Failure to complete your volunteer hours will result the loss of your \$100 preseason deposit.
- Volunteer opportunities will be communicated and coordinated through your team manager. Once the teams are split for the season your team will be assigned a team manager. Additional opportunities may arise throughout the season from the club as a whole, not just your team.

## **Additional Responsibilities of Parents**

### **Code of Conduct**

- All parents and participants signed a waiver preseason agreeing to the club's expectations.
- Support your child and no coaching from the sideline.
- Do not use profanity, scream at other teams or display unsportsmanlike behavior. This is no acceptable.
- Fighting in the stands will not be tolerated and will result in you being asked to leave and not attend future games.
- **Complaints/ Resolution of Issues**
  - Concerns should first go through the head coach.
  - If the problem remains unresolved the head coach and athletic director will attempt to reach a resolution.
  - Any issue that continues to remain unresolved will be brought to the full Board of Directors.

### **Tiger Country Policies**

- There is no parking in the grass or next to the curb on Tiger Drive. This

applies to all practices and games.

- Please use the parking lot on the west side of the High School or the spaces located on the east side of the High School.
- We are on District 7 property please abide by the following guidelines
  - Pick up your trash. It is our responsibility to lead the manner we receive them or better.
  - There is no use of tobacco products. This includes chewing tobacco, cigarettes and electronic cigarettes on District 7 property.
  - There is no use of drugs or alcohol on District 7 property.
  - No pets are allowed on District 7 property.