

Schuylerville Colts Football Guidelines

The Schuylerville Colts Football program has a history of excellence from our play on the field to the conduct of our players, coaches and parents. We strive to provide a positive sportsmanship environment for all involved and understand our program, like the team, is bigger than any one person. As a Colts parent, we recognize we are in a position to positively influence our players. We acknowledge and will emphasize the following:

- **We are our children's role models.** Encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy towards officials, coaches, players and spectators of both teams.
- **Be positive!** We represent the Schuylerville community and our actions reflect back upon it.
- **Be supportive!** Creating unnecessary drama or stirring controversy is never constructive. If a situation arises you feel you must address, please do so in a discreet and respectful manner away from the kids and other parents. Remember everyone here is a volunteer and is doing what they can to help the program.
- **This is youth sports, everyone makes mistakes.**
- **Coaches dedicate 15-20 hours per week during the season** and countless hours in the offseason working to make this program a success. They volunteer so our kids have may a positive experience.
- **Leave the coaching to coaches.** Positions and playing time decisions are based on what's best for the player and the team. Football is a team sport. Every position is essential and each player's contribution is important. If you would like to coach next year please see one of the commissioners.
- Focus on teaching my player that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- Emphasize skill development and practice and how they benefit my player over winning.
- **Practice = Safety.** Impress upon my player to listen to the coaches, learn the fundamentals, know their role on each play, and understand the rules of the game. This is the very best way to protect themselves and their teammates.
- **Any missed practice**, regardless of reason, must be reported to coaches ahead of time. If injured, player is still expected to be at practice (when practical).
- **Attending practice must be a priority.** In place after the NYFL Combine, *missing one (1) practice will result in reduced playing time in the upcoming game, missing two or more may result in not playing at all.* There are two exceptions to the guideline:
 1. One (1) excused absence in the week due to a religious event, death in the family, or illness (and was not in school). All others instances, such as missing for social functions or other sports will be considered an *unexcused absence*.
 2. Each player will have one (1) "no questions asked" miss. We understand things happen outside our control and despite best efforts the player may have to miss practice.

I agree that I will abide by these guidelines and emphasize them with my player.

Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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