



2023 PLAYER PARENT HANDBOOK



Program Values

- As a program we as coaches will work to exemplify these values and we will hold our student athletes to these values as well:
 - FAMILY: Forget About Me I Love You
 - Attitude of excellence
 - Championship heart
 - Servant leadership
 - Refuse to lose

Wildcat Players Remind Messaging:

- This will be our tool for coach to player communication. All players need to join. Parents **encouraged** to.
- Send a text to this number: 81010
- Text this message “@whsftb24, 25’, 26, 27”

Physicals:

- All student-athletes must have an up to date physical on hand in order to work out with us. If you need a physical, see Coach Haywood about the forms. You will not be able to participate without a physical. Rankone.

Athlete Expectations:

- “The way you do anything, is the way you do everything.”
- “Whatever you do, work at it with all of your heart” Colossians 3:23

Academics:

- You are Student-Athletes, the expectation is you work to do the very best you can in the classroom. To give yourself the best opportunity to go to college, our team GPA goal is 3.0, sustain or exceed it.
 - We will do academic progress reports every three-four weeks in season, not turning in the progress reports will have the same consequences as a bad progress report (See below)
 - Players with D’s and F’s on consecutive progress reports will miss game time on Fridays or be held out of JV games.
 - We will refrain from wearing pajamas, loungewear, and house shoes to school.
 - We expect our student-athletes to always respect their teachers and to behave in the school in an exemplary fashion, and to be on time to their classes.
 - Failure to behave appropriately will result in extra work after practice and potentially missing time in games.

Community Service:

- We will have several opportunities to serve our school, feeder schools, and community throughout the year. Several of them will be mandatory for athletes, and many others will be on an opportunity basis that we will encourage as many as possible to participate in.
- To be leaders in our school and community we must be willing and excited about serving and giving back to our school and community. Service is a cornerstone of our program, FAMILY



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- (Forget About Me, I Love You) is built on the idea we serve each other as a team, school, and community.

Attendance/Punctuality:

- We expect you to show up where you are supposed to be, on time, and prepared to get better. If you are supposed to be somewhere at 8:00 we will start at 8:00, not 8:01. Be ready to start, do not walk in at 8:00, be early.
- If you show up late you will do extra work at the end of practice.
- Football is a major commitment, there are very few reasons for ever missing a practice. If attendance becomes a problem, we will have a conversation about whether or not you need to continue being a part of our football FAMILY.

Athlete Dress:

- Never show up without cleats and sneakers. We will use both all summer and season.
- Make sure you are appropriately covered in the fieldhouse; the locker room is the only exception.

Social Media:

- Woodland High School and the Woodland High School Athletics Department object to postings on social media sites which are offensive or are in violation of state or federal law, institutional policies, or GHSA rules.
- Student-athletes are representatives and ambassadors of our program, school and community and their activity on social media platforms should be managed with this in mind.
- Any posting on a social media site which is offensive, in violation of state or federal law, in violation of institutional policies, or in violation of GHSA rules is prohibited and may be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined below:
- In the event that a player's social media account is found to be in violation of the policy, the head coach/athletic director reserves the right to impose disciplinary action which may include but is not limited to:
 - A conference to discuss the infraction,
 - Game(s) suspension
 - Suspension from all team activities,
 - Removal from the team.

Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying/Hazing:

- Any form of hazing or bullying will not be tolerated as part of the Woodland High School Football program.
- Any suspicion of such incidents is to be reported to the Head Coach or school administration IMMEDIATELY.
- There will NEVER be initiations, rights of passage, or other activities tolerated from older teammates or from the coaching staff aimed toward freshmen or underclassmen.
 - Instead, we will do several team building activities to develop relationships within our football FAMILY to have upperclassmen and underclassmen work toward the same goal.



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- Definitions:
Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means any act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, that takes place on school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop and that has the effect of:
 1. Physical harm to student or student property
 2. Knowingly placing a student in fear of physical harm to a student or student property
 3. Creating a hostile educational environment
- Explanations
 - Typically it is to trouble, worry or torment someone on a persistent basis
 - Usually a one-time offense is not considered harassment, intimidation or bullying unless it is severe or pervasive (usually physical)
 - Must be unwelcome

Student-Athlete Property/Theft:

- The ultimate act of disregarding our FAMILY is to take something from one of your brothers/sisters. Theft of any property from teammates within the fieldhouse is zero tolerance policy.
 - If you have been caught taking something from a teammate you will face immediate disciplinary action from the head coach.

Alcohol, Vape, Tobacco, Drugs, & Weapons:

Any smoking, vaping, drinking, or tobacco use will be turned over to the school and discipline will follow from the school.

Parent/Coach Communication:

- I am always willing to meet and discuss any concerns you as parents might have. You as parents have sacrificed time with your family to allow your child to be part of our football FAMILY, and I will always appreciate and respect that.
- There are, however, very specific procedures I will enforce when it comes to communication between coaches and parents.
- If you are concerned about your child's role on the team or playing time here are the procedures:
 - Email me at Brandon.haywood@bartow.k12.ga.us and schedule a sit down meeting
 - Me, your child, and their position coach or coordinator will meet in my office.

 - You can explain and lay out your concerns, and myself and your child's position coach will give you our honest evaluation of where your child currently is, and what things are necessary to be able to get your child on the field or on the field more.
- Things that our coaching staff will NOT discuss without a meeting scheduled through the head coach:
 - Playing time
 - Drills used in individual periods
 - Offensive or defensive scheme



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- Things that our coaching staff will discuss without a meeting if they choose:
 - o Things that your child can do to improve
 - o General questions about the position that might help your child
- In all coach/parent communications, the right time to have a discussion is NEVER in the heat of a moment when things are emotional. That is the main reason I will schedule a meeting so neither side says something they regret based on an emotional response.
- During games, practices and other areas of competition parents/guardians/friends should not communicate with and/or attempt to communicate with any student-athlete or member of the coaching staff. Attempting to do so is extremely disruptive and adversely impacts the student athlete's ability to remain focused and disciplined during these times.

Player Fees:

- In order to ensure that our student athletes are equipped with the necessary equipment and gear required to be successful on the field, each student athlete will be assessed a uniform player fee. This fee includes the items listed below. Player fees for the 2023-2024 Season are: \$250.

Payments:

- 1st Payment of the fees (\$100) are due by March 1st, 2023.
- 2nd Payment of the fees (\$75) are due by April 28th, 2023.
- 3rd Payment of the fees (\$75) are due June 8th, 2023 to complete fee payments
- Payment methods:
 - Cash
 - Venmo (Woodland Football "Denise Smith")
 - Checks payable to "Woodland Football".

Fundraising Card Incentives for Player Fees:

- 20 cards sold will eliminate team fees entirely.

Major Items Team Fees Help Cover:

- Transportation, food, player pack, equipment, uniforms, reconditioning. (NOT PLAYING TIME)

Necessary Equipment Needed Not Included w/ Player Fees:

- Girdles & Cleats
- Additional Clothing can be purchased from our inventory of gear.