



## Program Guidelines Acknowledgement Form Junior Longhorn Football

Our program is not a “win at all costs” program. It is a highly competitive program with a mission to develop football and like skills in each and every participant. The specific Program objectives are outlined below. Parents and players-please read each carefully and sign, then return this form as an acknowledgement of and agreement with, the stated program objectives.

Parkway West Junior Longhorn Football promotes the following Program Objectives:

1. Teach safe football fundamentals;
2. Teach sportsmanship and respect for authority;
3. Teach self-discipline and accountability to each other;
4. Teach our players to respond to adversity with courage;
5. Teach football as the ultimate TEAM sport - not individuals doing their own thing;
6. Teach the importance of being a fierce competitor, to teach the “will” to compete, the “will” to prepare;
7. Coaches are sovereign to direct player assignments based on their assessments of the needs of the overall team and their evaluation of each individual player-they do their best;
8. Respect the demanding nature of the sport of football. The game is intense, physically and psychologically demanding, and requires commitment and sacrifice as a player. With the other important responsibilities placed upon the student athlete (homework, religious education or worship, household chores etc.) playing other organized sports concurrently is not advised.
9. Teach the importance of practice attendance and the opportunity that every practice presents for player improvement, instruction from coaches and preparation and growth with, and among, other players;
10. Understanding of the grade-level disparities between players on our teams and between our teams and those we compete against-disparities in the experience level, size, speed, and aggressiveness attributable to many different factors. Football is a violent sport full of collisions! A teaching point to our student-athletes is that football is “people running into each other at full speed.” Injuries are an unfortunate part of the game. Coaches must be allowed to direct player assignments with deference to this point, and will not assign duties to players determined to be either not ready or not willing to be placed in a position of highly stressful, full speed, full contact collisions - we want our kids to have fun, and avoid injury.
11. It is recognized that the coaches are volunteers. They do their best to create an environment of safety, fun, skill and character development, and to plan for game day success such that success is enjoyed by everyone on game day. Coaches are annually involved in continuing education sponsored by the Program to enhance their abilities to lead and teach our children. In the case of a disagreement in philosophy between parent and coach, contact the coach privately so the team is not disrupted. Our coaches care about our kids and give much effort to implementing fair practice and game policies.

Acknowledged and Agreed:

Player\_\_\_\_\_

Parent\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_