

# **OUTLAWS FOOTBALL GENERAL GUIDELINES**

## **Introduction:**

CTSA Outlaws Football Program was established in October of 2021 for the purpose of providing a safe and competitive sports program for homeschool, private and charter athletes ages 12-18 in the central Texas area. CTSA aims not only to raise successful athletes - but to raise better men and women.

## **Mission:**

At CenTex Sports Association we aim to build character as we build athletes. We believe that drive, commitment and mutual respect is the key to building a team. Our goal is to provide an environment that will encourage healthy development and lifelong love of the game.

## **Player Eligibility:**

A male athlete that is not older than 18 years of age on September 1<sup>st</sup> is eligible to play football during the upcoming regular season. All athletes and parents must agree to, and sign our Parent/Player Agreement, Waiver, and Uniform Agreement.

## **What We Expect From Parents:**

### ***Practice & Games***

Please see to it that your player is present and on time to every practice and every game. Plan on arriving a few minutes early before practice so that your player has time to put on their proper equipment and be ready for practice on time. We ask that players arrive to the game generally 60-90 minutes before the start of the game to have adequate time to stretch, warm up and get focused on their goals and then get any and all guidance from their coaches.

### ***During the Games***

We ask all parents to encourage the players with cheers and words of encouragement from the stands. No parent is allowed on the field at any time. Please do not coach from the stands. It is distracting to the players and counter intuitive to the coaches and players. Please trust the coaches always have your son's best interest at heart and are there to guide them and teach them. Avoid any contact with any game official. If we do not agree with a call the coaches will handle it. If you have any issues with a coach we ask that you wait until after the game and contact the Athletic Director to set up a time to discuss the issues.

## **Family Volunteering:**

We thank you all in advance for your service. We know you all want to be there to watch the game but we will have a time arise where we will need some volunteers. When that time arises, we ask that you please step up and help, whether it will be running chains, film, ticket booth, or any other aspect. CTSA is a volunteer run organization so we are all in this together.

## **Fees:**

We have been blessed by donors this past season to cover the cost of football for the players but that may not always be the case.

## **Code of Conduct for Players:**

Being an Outlaw is more than just a name, it's being part of a team, a family of guys who have one another's backs both on the field and off. CTSA expects all Outlaws to be at all practices and games. We expect that when you walk onto the field whether it's for practice or a game you conduct yourself as if your own parents were on that very field playing against you. Vulgar language and disrespect will not be tolerated at all.

### ***Practice & Games***

Players will demonstrate 100% effort, a great attitude, good sportsmanship, and respect for themselves, their fellow teammates, their coaches, and officials. Players will remember they are on a team; they will win as a team and lose as a team.

### ***Suspensions, Fouls, Cautions, Ejections, & Dismissals***

Any athlete receiving a personal foul or a verbal caution due to conduct or lack of self-control may be removed for the remainder of the game. Any athlete who displays a negative response to an official or to a coach may be removed for the remainder of the game. Any athlete being ejected from the game due to inappropriate and or flagrant conduct may be suspended from the next game and may also be required to attend a coaches/parent and/or committee meeting. A subsequent ejection may result in removal from the team for the remainder of the season. Please be advised bullying of teammates will NOT be tolerated in any fashion. If you see it or hear it you are to report it immediately to a coach.

## **AN ATHLETE MAY BE DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM DUE TO:**

- Any act of violence toward a teammate, coach or official
- Drugs, alcohol, vaping or any type of tobacco use
- Any inappropriate posts on any social media platform, email or texting

## **Conflict Resolution:**

It is inevitable we will have conflict at some point, how we choose to handle that conflict is what matters.

- 1- If you find you have conflict with a coach/parent/board member or athlete we ask that you try to approach the person one on one and see if you are able to talk through it. If you are not comfortable talking to the party privately please contact a board member or coach you are comfortable with to discuss the matter with them and find resolution.
- 2- If an athlete is having issues with another team mate, that athlete is asked to have their parent and themselves approach a coach or board member they feel comfortable with and discuss the matter so appropriate actions can be handled.

## **Uniforms:**

Uniforms will be issued at the beginning of the season upon receipt of a deposit and Uniform Agreement. Every player is responsible to bring his uniform to every game. Uniforms should be clean prior to each game. Uniforms provided are the property of CTSA Outlaws and must be returned in good condition at the end of the season.

# **OUTLAWS FOOTBALL PARENT / PLAYER AGREEMENT**

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLAYER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below, I acknowledge, understand, accept and agree to comply with the information contained in the CTSA OUTLAWS FOOTBALL GENERAL GUIDELINES. I understand these guidelines are not intended to cover every situation which may arise during the season, but is simply a general guide to the goals, policies, practices and expectations of CTSA OUTLAWS Football Program

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_