

Fort Bend Chargers Parent and Athlete Commitment

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Parent's Commitment:

1. I am currently home educating my child and understand that if they are not passing, they will not play. I agree to submit grades upon request.
2. I have seen and read the FBC Bylaws. I will personally follow and encourage my child to follow the FBC rules and program guidelines as stated in the FBC Bylaws, including the Code of Conduct.
3. I understand that the Fort Bend Chargers is an all-volunteer organization and as such, I am expected to meet my volunteer commitment.
4. I understand that this is a Christian Organization and attempts to operate by Christian principles to honor Christ in everything, and I will do my best to follow those principles.
5. I will maintain proper behavior at all FBC games and functions. I will treat Fort Bend Charger families and players, opponent players and families, coaches, and game officials with the upmost respect at all times.
6. I understand that FBC provides much more than playing time and my commitment to the team does not guarantee my child any amount of game participation.
7. I understand and agree to abide by the following appeal process:
 - If I have a problem with a parent or player, I will talk with that parent or the player's parent (outside of practices and games) to seek a resolution.
 - All concerns/complaints regarding an FBC coach, FBC representative, or protocol are to be brought to the attention of the Team Parent Director. No coach is to be approached before, during, or after practices or games with a complaint. The team meeting at the conclusion of practice is considered a part of the practice.
 - If there is still no resolution, the grievance will be brought before the entire FBC Board and the Board's decision will be FINAL.

I understand that if I fail to abide by this commitment statement that the FBC Board has the authority to ask my family to leave the program and that we would not be entitled to any refund.

Father's signature _____ Date: _____

Mother's signature _____ Date: _____

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FBC Athlete Commitment

By joining FBC I am agreeing to uphold the following team rules:

1. I am home educated and understand I will not play if I am not passing.
2. I will demonstrate the following character qualities:
 - attentiveness - by listening to the instruction of my coaches;
 - self-control - by not participating in profane language, alcohol, tobacco or drugs;
 - faithfulness - by attending all practices and games;
 - discipline - by respecting my coaches and following the rules that they establish;
 - Orderliness - by following the dress code.
 - ✓ A clean-cut appearance is required for the season (i.e. no odd piercings, no radical hair styles or colors).
 - ✓ I will wear the required uniform for all practices and games. The head coach will determine game and practice uniform.
3. I will maintain a positive, teachable attitude no matter how fair I perceive the officiating to be or whether we win or lose.
4. I will keep my focus on my team and avoid pairing off with persons of the opposite sex during all traveling trips, games and practices.
5. I will approach my coach with any questions or concerns before/after practice or during breaks.
6. I will promote sportsmanship through my words and actions; striving to never speak poorly of a fellow teammate or criticize the coaches.
7. I understand that the coaches reserve the right to establish or abolish any team rules.
8. I will follow the FBC rules and program guidelines as stated in the FBC Bylaws, including the Code of Conduct.

I understand that if I fail to abide by this commitment statement, the FBC Board has the authority to ask my family to leave the program and that we would not be entitled to any refund.

Team Members signature: _____ Date: _____

FBC Family Code of Conduct

- All tobacco (or nicotine) products are prohibited at all facilities and parks used by the organization.
- Foul language will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Fighting (physical or verbal) is strictly forbidden and will not be tolerated.
- Parents are expected to pick up participants at the end of each practice or game. Our Coaches cannot leave organization events until all minors are picked up, so your consideration is appreciated.
- All concerns/complaints regarding game management, playing time, or player usage are to be brought to the attention of a non-coach Board Member. No coach is to be approached before, during, or after practices or games with a complaint. The team meeting at the conclusion of practice is considered a part of the practice.
- No parents or other individuals will be allowed on the practice or game field with the players unless they are a volunteer coach, and have completed an HCYA background check and volunteer coach form. Parents are welcome to quietly observe practice at any time.
- Parents, family, and friends must refrain from engaging (in any way) with the other team's players, spectators, or coaches. Additionally, no spectators or players should talk to the referees before, during, or after the game.
- Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in one or more of the following:
 - Player discipline or suspension from game(s);
 - Family probationary period;
 - Family suspension from organization activities; or
 - Family expulsion from the Fort Bend Charger Organization.

Player and Family Obligation

- Playing Football requires a commitment by each player and his family. All Players and their families will abide by the Code of Conduct, Player / Parent Commitment, and the rule of the associated Athletic League in which FBC has membership. Football is not an easy sport but it can be very rewarding.
- Players are expected to honor the commitment made by their parents, the coaches, the board members, and fellow players by giving their best effort all the time.
- Playing football is a privilege, not a right. FBC would like as many players on the team as possible to allow for the development of young men through team work, hard work, and perseverance. We do not have players on the team to just fill out the roster or so we can have a practice squad.
- Middle School and Junior Varsity playing time is intended to ensure player development and player safety first and foremost. All JV and Middle School players will play.
- Playing time at the varsity level is not guaranteed. The best players will play at the discretion of the coaches. The following factors are some of things taken into account for playing time:
 - ✓ Practice attendance
 - ✓ Practice effort
 - ✓ Athletic ability
 - ✓ Game effort
 - ✓ Player attitude and character
- The team is more important than any individual. Practice is where games are won and lost. Every player at practice has contributed to every win or loss regardless of playing time.
- The goal of our organization is to use the journey of football (a team sport) to teach Godly character. Including:
 - ✓ A standard of excellence;
 - ✓ The value of hard work;
 - ✓ To trust others;
 - ✓ The value of encouragement;
 - ✓ To know they aren't the center of the universe;
 - ✓ To know that success does not come overnight;
 - ✓ To lose with dignity;
 - ✓ To accept temporary failures without blaming others, and to realize these failures aren't permanent;
 - ✓ To be pushed to their physical limit, time and time again;
 - ✓ To love and to be loved;
 - ✓ To sacrifice for others;
 - ✓ To respect authority and rules; teamwork/unselfishness; to never give up

FORT BEND CHARGER TEAM DISCIPLINE

| ACTION | DISCIPLINE |
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| Late to practice | 6 – 40yd cardiovascular events |
| Miss entire practice/game (includes forgetting equipment that prevents you from practicing) | 1 – 40yd cardiovascular event times the number of players on your team |
| Do not communicate with the coaches on missing practice/game: | The corresponding item above plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity--will not play (next game) • Junior High--will not start (next game) |
| Any other action that does not promote the character of Jesus Christ, whether on the practice field or in a game. | Handled on a case-by-case basis, but will be handled by a minimum of one item listed above. |
| EXCEPTIONS: | |
| None. Why? | |
| If You Are: | You Need the Additional Work Because: |
| Sick | Need the additional work to get your body back in shape. |
| Out of Town | The rest of the team is working and you will need the additional work to stay in shape. |
| Attending a siblings activity | We are 100% behind you attending the activity. We believe that you have the ability to have a huge impact on your brother or sister. However, the rest of the team is working and you will need the additional work to stay in shape. |
| Out of town guests (friends or family) are in for only a short time. | We support you in your decisions to be with your friends or family, but the rest of the team is working and you will need the additional work to stay in shape. We believe that this is a great opportunity for you to show friends and family the team that you have worked so hard to be a part of. |
| I have another activity that conflicts with practice. | The rest of the team is working and you will need the additional work to stay in shape. There is no way that you can work at getting better for football and the game if you are not here—it is a team sport. |
| I have church on a different night than Wednesday. | We support you 110% in attending church. We have tried to work around this for most on Wednesday night, but this does not apply to everyone. However, the rest of the team is working and you will need the additional work to stay in shape. However, you will only have the discipline for those late to practice. |
| Once in a lifetime event that you will never have the opportunity to do again. | If it is truly a once in a lifetime event that you would regret for the rest of your life, please go and have a blast. However, the rest of the team is working and you will need the additional work to stay in shape. |

PLAYER'S PRINTED NAME

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE

DATE