

## **EXPECTATIONS**

### **EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS:**

- You are a student first, athlete second. Take pride in your academics.
- Learn from your mistakes, commit to being the best you can be.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing Estrella Foothills High School: display positive public action at all times, demonstrate good character.
- Demonstrate respect for opponents, coaches, and referees before, during, and after games.
- Treat every practice as if it's the state championship game.
- Respect judgement of referees, abide by rules of the games and display no behavior that could incite fans (ex. Questioning calls, gestures, taunting, "show-boating" etc.)
- Cooperate with referees, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair game.
- Accept favorable and unfavorable decisions, as well as victory and defeat, with equal grace.
- Come prepared each week to practice and understand that there will be ramifications for disruptive behavior—whether in practice or a game (ex. Reduced playing time, sitting out practice, etc).

### **EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND OTHER FANS:**

- Support the team and coaches.
- Respect decisions made by referees—do not speak to them.
- Respect opposing fans, coaches, and participants.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COACHES SHOULD EXPECT FROM PLAYERS AND PARENTS:**

- Concerns expressed directly to the coaching staff
- Notifications of any schedule conflicts in advance
- Notifications of illness or injury as soon as possible

### **APPROPRIATE CONCERNS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE COACHES:**

- The treatments of your child
- Methods to help your child improve his skills
- Concerns about a player's behavior

### **ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE COACHES:**

While the coaches are committed to open communication with parents, there is a certain process that should be observed. In particular, the time before and during a game is dedicated to the players. It is not appropriate for a parent to approach a coach to discuss game or individual player concerns at this time. The coach will be happy to set up a meeting/phone call to address parent concerns at a time that will not interfere with the attention required by the players. An exception to this request is an incident when a player is injured.