



Student participation in football for Orange Park High School is a privilege, which may be revoked or suspended when player expectations aren't met as outlined in this Contract. This contract shall be applied throughout the summer and in-season time frame, both to and from school-sponsored activities.

Coaches:

As a Coach of the Orange Park football team, I promise to:

- ✓ Work cooperatively with the football staff during meetings, practices and games.
- ✓ Be prepared and organized for meetings, practices, and games.
- ✓ Demonstrate professional conduct in meetings, practices, and on the sidelines.
- ✓ Demonstrate program commitment.
- ✓ Promote sportsmanship among athletes.
- ✓ Communicate appropriately with other staff members and athletes.
- ✓ Attend all practices on time and be prepared.
- ✓ Use appropriate language with athletes.
- ✓ Assist in discipline and supervision of players.
- ✓ Take initiative and have a willingness to learn.
- ✓ Help with the care of equipment, supplies, and school facilities.

Players:

As a member of the Orange Park football team, I promise to:

- ✓ Be worthy of my teammates and coaches, abiding by team and school expectations and reflecting my team's DNA of **attitude, intelligence, tenacious effort, discipline, and PRIDE!**
- ✓ Attend every practice unless excused by the coach, trainer, or doctor.
- ✓ Understand that my future as a responsible adult relates more to my academics than my athletic activities.
- ✓ Find time to satisfy my family responsibilities.
- ✓ Accept the responsibilities of team membership: cooperation, support of my teammates, shared accountability, positive interaction, and mutual respect.
- ✓ Express my ideas and thoughts appropriately.
- ✓ Realize that all decisions made by the coaching staff are in the best interests of the team and thus will be accepted as such.
- ✓ Set an example both on and off the field for others to follow.





Parents:

As a parent or guardian of a member of this football team, I promise to:

- ✓ Be a model of appropriate language and behavior in my son's or this team's presence.
- ✓ Reflect a positive attitude towards my son's efforts both on and off the field.
- ✓ Maybe not always agree with, but ALWAYS respect and accept this coaching staff's decisions.
- ✓ Promote a good parent/coaching staff relationship by expressing my feelings and ideas intelligently and appropriately to my son and the coaching staff.
- ✓ Not only say, but show my son I care about his efforts both on the field and in the classroom.

Mediation Procedure:

The following sequence should be followed in attempting to resolve any misunderstandings related to the administration of the program:

1. Athlete-coach conference.
2. Parent(s) and athlete-coach conference.
3. Parent(s), athlete-coach, and athletic director and/or principal conference.

Team Discipline:

Realizing that every individual and each circumstance or incident that may arise can and almost always is very unique in nature, it is understood that the coaching staff will analyze and thus react with appropriate disciplinary measures regarding each incident as it may occur. Below are a few good guidelines to follow:

Reasons for Immediate Dismissal from Team:

1. Any student found to be in violation of the school's athletic alcohol and drug/substance policy (smoking, drinking, drugs, etc.)
2. Stealing anything from anyone.
3. Three **unexcused** practices.
4. Conduct detrimental to team unity.





Missed Practices:

It goes without saying that an athlete and his team cannot produce in the game without working hard in practice. There are very few circumstances that will excuse a player from practice (Family issues, illness from school, sent home by nurse from school). **If you must miss a practice, you need to contact your position coach.** Players and Parents need to understand that practice is an important aspect of game preparation. Below are the guidelines for unexcused practices:

1. First missed practice- Will not play first half of next scheduled game.
2. Second missed practice- Will not play next scheduled game.
3. Third missed practice- Dismissed from team.

Bottom line: Do not expect to play if you do not practice.

When Speaking to the Press:

1. Always be gracious and humble toward your opponent and in regard to your individual and team accomplishments.
2. Praise your teammates.
3. Finish all interviews by thanking the reporter for his/her time.

Academic Expectations:

Because the football field is an extension of the classroom and that the future of the players as a responsible, productive adult relates more to their academics rather than their athletic achievements, every player is expected to maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher at all times (2.5 GPA starts with 2028 Class). Raiders standards should be above the minimum requirements. Excellence is expected in all facets of life.

✓ **Minimum GPA of 2.5 requirement for 2028 Class and after**





Signature Form

We have read the Raiders Football Contract and the guidelines. We understand the guidelines and rules concerning the extra-curricular participation. In understanding that our signature does not signify agreement with all areas, it does signify that we read the information and will abide by these rules and regulations. Therefore, we are attaching our signatures below on this page:

Players Name: _____

Players Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/
Guardian Name: _____

Parent/
Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach: _____

Coach Signature _____

NOTE: NO player will participate until this form is signed and received by the coaches.

