

2020 Faulkner Falcons Statement of Understanding for Parents, Coaches, & Players

I. Key Values

A. Be Christ-Like: We will conduct ourselves in a Christ-like manner on and off the court, be respectful of all players, coaches, officials, and spectators.

B. Be Competitive: Our program was founded on being competitive, and we will continue this history. We are part of State and National organizations that play to win the game. Therefore, we define competitive as putting the players on the court, regardless of age, to give a team the best chance of winning the game. (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

II. Supporting Values

A. Attitude: Good attitude is critical. It is expressed by practicing hard, playing hard, attending practices & games, supporting teammates.

B. Team: This is a team sport, and we value team above individual stats. Being a part of the team guarantees 3 things for players: 1) A uniform; 2) A place on the bench; and 3) Practice time.

C. Toughness: All sports are physical, so we will be very physical in practice & games.

D. Conduct: As stated in the Falcon By-Laws, all individuals, including coaches, players, parents, and fans, should support the Values of the Falcon Organization at all times. The Board, at its sole discretion, has authority to take disciplinary action when anyone acts in a manner unbecoming of the Organization or contrary to its Values, including occurrences on social media.

III. Playing Time

A. Method: We would like for every player to play in every game. However, no player is guaranteed to get to play in a game. The coaches will put players in a game - first of all - to win the game; then, coaches will play players when and if he / she thinks it's appropriate.

B. Basis: Age or tenure in the Falcon Organization are not determinants of playing time. Playing time is to be earned, and is given to players whom the coach believes - at his/her discretion - can accomplish the team's goals & objectives in the current game situation.

C. Questions: Players are encouraged to talk to their coaches about any questions they have, including playing time. If a player has questions or concerns about their playing time, their coaches will be happy to discuss it with them personally.

IV. Practice

A. Attendance: Players are expected to attend practice and be on time. On time means dressed, on the court, and warmed up ready to start.

B. Notification: If a player will miss practice, notify their coach directly (not through another player) as soon as possible.

C. Participation: Players attending practice are expected to participate in all drills and activities to the best of their ability. Lack of skill, confidence, etc., are not reasons to refrain from participation.

D. Practice Time: Practice is where coaches evaluate players and determine their game readiness. It is also where learning takes place, & where players show their commitment to the team and their teammates.

V. Other Items

A. Communication: Clear and open communication is vital to the success of the Organization. It helps ensure that individuals have good understanding, as well as realistic expectations, of the Program's goals & objectives. Coaches will be available and willing to visit with players and/or parents about any issue concerning their child. Our referee coordinator asks us to wait 24 hours after a game to discuss problems. We ask for this same courtesy.

B. Coaching from the Stands: Please cheer for players and encourage them; this is vital to their enjoying the sport. But, so that they have consistent skill training and are able to focus on what their coach and team needs them to do on the court, please do not give instruction at any time during games or practices.

C. Questions / Inquiries: At times, you may have questions or situations to bring to the Board's attention. We certainly welcome that, whether in person or in writing. If in writing, the Board will only be able to consider, and respond to, correspondence that includes the name and contact information of the submitter.

D. Foster Positive Environment: A positive environment and attitudes are vital to the success of the Falcon Organization, and it is tremendously important to create such an environment free of gossip, negative talk, and derogatory language to ensure enjoyment and to promote good character for all people involved.

E. Game Responsibilities: Parent will agree to take part in game day needs including score, clock, stats, libero tracking, admissions, etc... as determined by the sport.

F. Facilities: Parents and players will respect all facilities, their employees, and rules set forth so as to ensure we represent Christ well.

We, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above Statement of Understanding in its entirety.

Parent Sign: _____

Parent Print: _____ Date: _____

Player Sign: _____

Player Print: _____ Date: _____