

Yellow Jacket Contract for Basketball Players and Parents

I, _____, wants to play basketball for the Elysian Fields Yellow Jacket basketball program. In exchange for the privilege of being on the team, I promise to do the following:

ACADEMICS WILL BE FIRST. Your grades and class work come before basketball. Do your homework when you should. Directly after school is best.

- DO NOT WAIT UNTIL “THE DAY BEFORE” TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK OR STUDYING, *and school will rarely interfere with your basketball.*

2. ATTENDANCE. BE ON TIME FOR ALL PRACTICES. Be properly dressed with basketball shorts and shoes, no jewelry, wrist bands, head bands etc. We know that circumstances will arise when you must miss a practice, (illness, etc.). When this occurs the player is to inform their coach in advance when possible.

- BEING GROUNDED BY YOUR PARENTS WILL BE TREATED AS AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.
- *****Unexcused absences will result in extra conditioning, player losing playing time and/or being dismissed from the team if missing becomes a constant problem. *****

3. ATTITUDE. Our goal is to field a team of players that consistently demand more of themselves, than is demanded by the coaches. Be coachable, hustle, and display mental toughness. I REPEAT DISPLAY MENTAL TOUGHNESS.!!!!

- **WE WILL WORK HARDER THAN ANY OTHER TEAM IN TEXAS.** Work hard to develop good habits by practicing with good form and appropriate effort (Game effort). The habits we develop in practice are the habits that will determine how we play in the games.
- **Respect teammates, referees, opponents and coaches.** Behavior that "puts other players and coaches down," I REPEAT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!! THIS ALSO INCLUDES IN THE CLASSROOM. DO THE RIGHT THING BE “RESPECTFUL”!!!
- Come to the coaches first if you have a problem related to the team. Complaining and excuses will not be accepted nor tolerated. All 3 of us can sit down and resolve the issue like men before we let the situation disrupt the team or the program.
- ONE MORE THING WE NEVER SAY A WORD TO THE REF. IF YOU GET A TECHINCAL FOUL, THE FOUL WILL RESULT IN BENCHING UNTIL I CHOOSE TO PLAY YOU AGAIN. TECHINCAL FOULS MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF PLAYING TIME, BENCHING, EXTRA CONDITIONING, AND LOSS OF MINUTES THE FOLLOWING CONTEST. JUDGEMENT IS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE HEAD COACH.
- **IF YOU ARE NOT A PARTICIPATE OF FOOTBALL YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO RUN CROSS COUNTRY AS A PART OF BASKETBALL**

OFFSEASON CONDITIONING. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RUN IN THE MEETS, BUT THE PRACTICE WORK OUTS ARE A REQUIREMENT FOR BASKETBALL. MISSED PRACTICES COUNT AGAINST YOU.

4. **ADJUSTMENTS AND SACRIFICES** are necessary to achieve team and individual success. EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT on the part of the players, their families, and the coaches are important. In return, we have an opportunity to create a positive experience that could affect our lives forever.

5. **GAME DAY APPEARANCE**, especially when attending team functions, should be neat and well groomed. A nice collar polo, Khakis, and dress shoes (sperry's are acceptable.) Clothing should fit and be wrinkle free. If you need an iron it will be one in my coaches office. No excuses. If you need a polo or some khakis come talk to me and maybe we can work something out.

As a parent of the above named player, I promise to do the following:

1. Influence my child to abide by the contract they have signed.
2. If your child is having problems, such as poor academics or bad attitude, etc. Please contact the coaches as soon as possible. Hopefully we can assist you. If in preseason you foresee these problems as possible reasons to pull him off the team as the seasons goes, you may consider not allowing them to play on the team at all. Mid-season removal is detrimental to our team concept.
3. Be an example of good sportsmanship at games by making only positive comments about the players, keeping criticism of the officiating to a minimum of volume and frequency, and treating fans of our opponents with respect.
4. Be patient with coaches who are not giving your child the playing time you feel he deserves.
5. Leave coaching to the Coaches.
6. Inform other family members of these rules (Auntie, Uncles, etc.)
7. If an issue presents itself, set up a meeting with the current coach, athlete, and you the parent and we can resolve things.

We, the coaches, promise to do the following:

1. Treat each player as if we would want our child to be treated.
2. Attempt to play each player in every game. In close games, the time may be less (even no playing time) and in blowouts, the starters will probably play less than the substitutes.
3. Be examples of good sportsmanship and character.
4. Teach your child the skills to become the best player they can be.
5. Discuss anything with parents or players, except your child's playing time. (PLAYING TIME IS NOT UP FOR DISCUSSION.)
6. LOVE YOUR KID AND DO ANY AND EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN ORDER FOR THEM TO SUCCEED IN LIFE.

I understand that if I make this team, I will agree to abide by these expectations described on this sheet. I promise to return uniforms to a coach of Elysian Fields High School after the season is over.

_____ **Player Signature**

My child has shared with me these expectations, and I agree to give him all possible help to meet them successfully.

_____ **Parent Signature**