

FENWICK FOOTBALL

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BUILDING CHARACTER THROUGH FOOTBALL

A competitive contest represents a challenge that involves planning, preparation, practice, competing, winning or losing, reasoning, and finally, regrouping; a process we repeat over and over in our lives.

The philosophy of the FHS program is to provide a competitive opportunity for young men under the competent leadership of qualified coaches, while offering young men the opportunity to develop valuable human skills necessary for success in life. FHS will continue to strive for excellence, participation, and community support to continue our winning tradition.

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Code of Conduct: As recognized representatives of Fenwick High School, members of the Fenwick football program requires that all players display a high level of mature conduct, respect, integrity, and etiquette in the classroom, and in the community. The football program's image is a reflection of your actions. It is everyone's duty to uphold our football program and Fenwick High School's reputation. Members of the team engaging in any behaviors that cast an adverse reflection on this football program will receive immediate disciplinary action.

Communication: Communication is very important. Coaches have an open door policy but we want to talk to the player first. No parent of a player should approach coaches before, during, or after a game to discuss in issue. Parents/Guardians should discuss all issues with your son first, and then contact the head coach if necessary. After talking to their child, parents may request to talk to a coach with a scheduled meeting time. If the issues have not been resolved, then the Athletic Director will intervene. If the issues are still not resolved, then the Principal will be consulted.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches:

- The treatment of your child, mentally and physically
- Ways to help your child improve
- Concerns about your child's behavior

Issues NOT Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches:

- Playing time
- Team strategy / play calling
- Other student-athletes

Touchdown Club: The Mission of the *FALCON TOUCHDOWN CLUB* is to support and promote the Fenwick football program. As a member you will help the club further enhance the players experience while raising loyal and spirited support for Fenwick football. Check the football website for more information.

Fundraising: Fundraising for our program has become a necessity in order to compete and be successful in the GCL. Players will be asked to commit to a few fundraisers each year: Fish Fry and Pigskin Pig Roast.

Transportation: Teams will travel by bus to games. All school rules apply when traveling. Players are expected to take good care of the bus and be courteous to the driver. When a bus is provided for a football team, **ALL** team members must ride on the bus to and from the game.

Eligibility Requirements: No student is permitted to participate in the athletic program without the written consent of his parents, and a current yearly physical examination.

OHSAA Academic Requirements: Any athlete who does not meet the eligibility policy of the OHSAA is automatically ineligible for an entire quarter. Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period. **Semester and yearly grades have no effect on OHSAA eligibility.** To be eligible, a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in a **minimum of five** one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. For more information go to:
<http://www.ohsaa.org/eligibility/EligibilityGuide.pdf>

FHS Academic Requirements:

There are special considerations, however, for first quarter since competition in several sports begins before the start of school. Because of this, eligibility will be affected by additional conditions:

- Students having a GPA of at least 1.8 for second semester will be eligible by Fenwick standards.
- Grades from summer school in courses failed for the year will be factored into the GPA for eligibility for first quarter. (Note that these grades, along with any other grades for classes taken outside of Fenwick, are not factored into the GPA for any other purposes, such as college transcripts, scholarships, or NCAA Clearing House.)

STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE ELIGIBILITY BY REASON OF EITHER OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND STUDY TABLES FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS THAT STUDY TABLES ARE HELD IN SCHOOL YEAR. FAILURE TO DO THIS RESULTS IN IMMEDIATE INELIGIBILITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE QUARTER.

AS ALWAYS, STATE (OHSAA) ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF 4TH QUARTER GRADES.

Team Placement:

Freshman Team: The purpose of the 9th grade football team is to develop players for the junior-varsity level. All participants will play in each contest *if possible*, but not necessarily on an equal basis with all other payers. Players have different skill levels, attitudes, and levels of commitment, and these factors will be considered in earning playing time.

Junior Varsity Team: The purpose of JV football is to develop players for the varsity level. All participants will play in each contest *if possible*, but not necessarily on an equal basis with all other payers. Players have different skill levels, attitudes, and levels of commitment, and these factors will be considered in earning playing time. Varsity players may be told to play down to get more game exposure and repetitions, or to regain self-confidence.

Varsity Team: A program for our most elite football player. Playing time is given to those with the most athletic skill, the most determined attitude toward athletic endeavor, the most consistent and demonstrable commitment to the sport, and the ability to compete under pressure.

Lettering and Award Policies:

To earn a varsity letter, a player must play in 16 quarters during the season. Coaches may also make lettering decisions based on their discretion - considering factors such as attitude, work ethic, and behavior.

The varsity coaches' vote and award the following honors:

- Special teams player of the year
- Most improved player of the year
- Scout team player of the year
- Falcon heart and hustle award

The varsity players' vote and award the following honors:

- Offensive player of the year
- Defensive player of the year
- Most valuable player

Captains: Team captains are chosen by the players each off-season. Captains are relied on to communicate between coaches and players and provide necessary leadership and organizational duties. Each senior must nominate himself to Coach Cranford to be chosen for a captain. Those that do must present a professional speech to his teammates and coaches why he should be chose captain and what leadership means to him. The team will then vote for the team captains.

Uniforms: Players are responsible for the care of their football equipment and uniform. If a piece of equipment needs fixed please talk to a coach. Uniforms are to be turned in **WASHED** after the season. Uniforms are to be turned in on the required turn-in date. Anything collected after the due date will follow with a \$10 late fee. Any cloth lost or not turned in is the financial responsibility of the player. It can become a major hassle with irresponsibility in the department. Inventory is very important and must be completed promptly.