

# CHIAWANA RIVERHAWK FOOTBALL

Dear Football Parents,

As coaches we would like to share with you our philosophy and goals for the C.H.S. Football program. We hope that you will understand the methods, procedures, and expectations of Chiawana Football.

If football were just a game of fundamentals, i.e., blocking, tackling, passing, and kicking, our dedication would not be as strong. If it were just win – loss records it probably would not be worth all the effort the coaches and players will put in this year. We feel we will give your son many opportunities to grow both mentally and physically. Regardless of how great an athlete you are raising under your roof, there will come a day when he will play his last football game. If all he has learned is the fundamentals of the game, then he will be ill prepared for life. There will come a time when he will have to start over - at the bottom. Fundamentals must be stressed, but we believe that the philosophy he learns in football can be taken into all other phases of life. We want your son to have every opportunity to become a fine high school football player, but more importantly we want him to become a gentleman and be better prepared to lead a productive life as the result of having played football.

We believe the key to a good football program is **discipline** and **commitment**. This was, is, and will be the “main theme” of the Chiawana Riverhawks as long as you allow us to coach your son. This is our definition of **“Discipline”**: **Do what has to be done! When it has to be done! As well as it can be done! Do it that way all the time!** Our definition of **“Commitment”** is **what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak of your intentions and the actions that speak louder than words. It is making time when there is none, it is the stuff character is made of.** These characteristics do not cease when your son has played his last football game. Discipline and commitment cause a young man to get up when he gets knocked down – he will get knocked down in football and in life, therefore he must learn to get back up.

We ask that your son follow three simple rules: **Do what is right! (Discipline). Do your best! (Commitment). Treat others right! (Be a teammate).** And we ask your son three questions. **Can we trust you? Are you committed? Does the team come first?**

We believe that you will be proud of your son and his accomplishments, both on and off the field. We are proud of each of our players and we wish to thank you for letting us take part in preparing your son for life.

Coach Graff  
and  
The Chiawana Football Coaching Staff