

## 2014 E.J. Hayes Football Parent Letter



Thank you for your interest in playing for the defending 2013 B-Team District Playoff Champions! E.J. Hayes is one of the only schools that has a separate 6<sup>th</sup> grade team, B-Team (some 6<sup>th</sup> graders, most 7<sup>th</sup> graders) and a separate A-Team (all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and some 7<sup>th</sup> graders). Hayes has a tremendous winning tradition and has won the District Championship in 4 of the last 5 seasons:

- 2009 – A-Team Regular Season District Champions and Playoff District Runner-Up.
- 2010 – A-Team Playoff District Champions and B-Team Undefeated 9-0 Season.
- 2011 – B-Team Playoff District Champions
- 2012 – A-Team Playoff District Champions
- 2013 – B-Team Playoff District Champions

I have included our team's final summer and tryout schedule below. Here's the final team schedule (subject to change if needed):

- **Conditioning (Voluntary – but highly recommended) – July 10, 15, 16, 17**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders from 5:30-6:30 PM
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders from 6:30-7:30 PM
  - Dress accordingly for the weather, will be outside if the weather cooperates
- **Tryouts (Required) – July 23, 24, 25 (26 is a potential make-up day)**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders from 5:30-6:30 PM
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders from 6:30-7:30 PM
- **Parent Meeting (Required) – July 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 5:30-6:30 PM
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 6:30-7:30 PM.
- **Fundraising Meeting (Required) – July 28<sup>th</sup>**
  - All grades – 6:00-7:00 – All parents are required to attend! All players will practice from 6:00-8:00 PM, however, kids will begin to be pulled in by grade level (8<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, then 6<sup>th</sup> grade) to receive equipment after parent meeting is over.
    - **PARENTS MUST PAY EQUIPMENT FEE IN ORDER FOR THEIR CHILD TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT AT THIS TIME!!!**
- **Practice (Required)** – Practice will begin immediately and plan on it being every week day from 6:00-8:00 PM at Hayes.

**\*Important\*** - If you would like your kid to participate in either the **Conditioning/Skills Camp** or the **Tryouts**, your son will need to **TURN IN** an up-to-date Athletic Sports Physical prior to participating. **\*Conditioning & Tryouts are closed to parents!**

### Scrimmage Update:

- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Johnson Traditional Magnet School – A-Team will play @ 5:30 PM – B-Team will play @ 7:00 PM.
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – East Jessamine County – A and B-Team's – 6:00-7:30 PM (both teams play at same time).

Let me know if you need anything or have any questions! I look forward to seeing many of you at our 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and at Hayes Craze on August 5th! You can contact me at [nicholas.payne@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:nicholas.payne@fayette.kyschools.us) if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Coach Payne

# **EJ Hayes Panthers Football**

## **Parent and Student-Athlete Contract**

### **Participation:**

- All student-athletes must have a 2.0 GPA from the last 9 week period prior to the season (4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks from the previous year) to participate in athletics. (FCPS policy)
- Student-athlete must maintain a 2.0 GPA throughout the season to participate in athletics. (FCPS policy)
- Student-athlete must participate in team community service project (EJHMS policy)
- Student-athlete must have a KHSAA sports physical on file to participate in any sporting event (FCPS policy)
- All students are allowed to participate as long as equipment is available. In the event that we (EJ Hayes Football team) can't adequately equip a student-athlete to play football we have the right to deny the child the opportunity to be on the team.
- Student-athletes who are suspended or in SAFE the day of a game or practice may not participate in any athletic event after school (FCPS policy)

### **Fees Collected/Refunds:**

- Equipment Fee - \$105 total. Rental of Helmet, Shoulder Pads, athletic girdle, practice pants, game pants, mouth piece, team t-shirt, sublimated compression top to be worn under the uniforms for games only.
- All student athletes are required to have athletic insurance. The insurance fee also covers the insurance fee for the remainder of the school year for any other sports.
- All student athletes are required to pay the equipment fee
- No equipment will be passed out to student athletes until equipment fee is paid.
- If a child is cut by the coaching staff a refund of the equipment can be given.
- If a child quits the team then NO refunds will be given.

### **Dismissal from the Team:**

- Any student athlete that is caught participating in illegal activity during the season will be dismissed from the football team.
- Student athletes that are suspended from school 2 or more times will be dismissed from the team.
- Student athletes that disregard the instruction and/or discipline of coaches will be dismissed from the team.
- Student athletes that miss more than 4 practices without prior approval from the coaching staff will be dismissed from the team with NO refund.

### **Expectation of Parents:**

- Parents will attend the Parent Meetings prior to the season beginning.
- Parents will attend the Fundraising Meeting. If you can't attend contact Coach Payne @ [nicholas.payne@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:nicholas.payne@fayette.kyschools.us) for information missed.
- Be active participants in any fundraising or team activity!
- 24-Hour Rule – If a parent disagrees with the coaches and would like to talk to the coaches he/she will wait at least 24 hours to meeting with the coaches.
- Playing time is not a topic of discussion to discuss with a coach; however, you can ask what your child can do to improve.
- Stay off sideline during games (unless working chains, down markers, etc).

- All parents will participate in fundraising events to the best of their abilities.
- Be 5-10 minutes early to drop off or pick up your child from football practice and games. Three strikes and your out!
- Stay on top of your child's academic progress
  - Check IC daily – Let kids know you're checking grades daily.
  - Email teachers if you have any questions, they will respond back!
  - Help your child stay organized – they will need encouragement.

### **Expectations of Student-Athletes:**

- Provide 100% effort in practices and games at all times.
- All student athletes are expected to perform in the classroom academically and behaviorally as well as on the football field.
- Be 5-10 minutes early to practice and/or games. Some parents will need “encouragement” to get you there on time. For every minute you are late to practice you will run!
- Be a responsible student-athlete – set up a ride to pick you up or drop you off if you know in advance you will have trouble getting a ride or getting there on time.
- Be organized for school and football.
- All student athletes are expected to treat the equipment (should-pads, helmets, jersey's, pants, etc.) with the utmost respect – it's not “their” equipment, it's the teams!
  - If student athlete loses or destroys any equipment he will be responsible for replacing it.
- Fundraise to the best of your ability to help the team!
- All student athletes will clean up the locker room, football field, and will report to practice with clean practice jersey's, practice pants, etc.
- Attend all Henry Clay home football games – if possible!

### **Team Fundraisers:**

- Spirit Packs – \$30 – Compression Shirt & Shorts
- Athletic Booster Cards - \$20/each, \$10 profit per card.
- Corn Maze Fundraiser
- Concessions

### **Contact Information:**

If your child is sick and/or will need to miss practice, in order for it to be an excused absence, you will need to send an email to your child's Coach and the Head Football Coach. This will allow your coaches to make practice run as efficient as possible. If you're interested in helping out with fundraising or team coordination, contact your Team Mom.

- **Head Football Coach – Nick Payne**
  - [Nicholas.payne@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:Nicholas.payne@fayette.kyschools.us)
  - A-Team Mom – Amy Hawkins – [amy.hawkins@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:amy.hawkins@fayette.kyschools.us)
- **B-Team Coach – Marty Parks**
  - [Coachp2121@gmail.com](mailto:Coachp2121@gmail.com)
  - B-Team Mom – TBD
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach – Robb Lang**
  - [Robb2u2@yahoo.com](mailto:Robb2u2@yahoo.com)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Mom - TBD

### **Important Team Information:**

- The A-Team, B-Team, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams will practice from 6:00-8:00 PM from Monday through Friday until school begins unless otherwise told!
- Practice time will change from 4:30-6:30 PM once school begins.
- Show up to pick up your child at the very latest 5-10 minutes before practice ends, if you can't make it, make arrangements for someone else to pick them up!
- All A-Team games will be on Thursday's this season at the middle school fields.
- All B-Team games and 6<sup>th</sup> grade games will be on Tuesday's and Saturday's in the morning-late afternoon on the middle school fields.
  - B-Team – the goal is for 10 games.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – the goal is for 8-10 games

### **TRY-OUT CUT POLICY:**

- **Due to the inability to properly equip all students who try out for the team and to try to make sure that all student-athletes who try out receive playing time, players who try out will be graded on the following categories on August 1, 2, and 3:**
  - **Strength, Speed, Agility, Technique, Skill, Attitude**
  - **These categories will be averaged out and will be used to help determine who will make the team. Attendance at tryouts will be taken into consideration!!!**

### **PARENT AND PLAYER TO DO LIST:**

1. Turn in Athletic Sports Physical
2. Go to: [ejhayesfootball.com](http://ejhayesfootball.com) and look under "News" for updated information **DAILY!!!**
3. Like E.J. Hayes Football on Facebook.
4. Players - Attend Practice Monday-Friday, unless told otherwise!
5. Parents – Attend Fundraising Meeting – from 6:00-7:30 on July 28th!
6. 6<sup>th</sup> Grades only – ATTEND 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM, no practice August 5<sup>th</sup>.
7. All Parents and Players – ATTEND Hayes Craze on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM, no practice August 5<sup>th</sup>.
8. **GET ORGANIZED AND READY FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR!!!**