



# Smoky Hill Football

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Hello Smoky Hill football family,

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy an exciting football season so far in 2019. The season has been successful on and off the field in many ways. The coaching staff is proud of the effort and courage the players have demonstrated to this point. Smoky football can be a model of excellence in Colorado. As players, it takes a tremendous amount of sacrifice, preparation and individual improvement to have success. I am asking all parents to help and support the participation of their athlete in the same ways.

Recently, there are too many discipline and childish behavior issues that have been brought to my attention. I want to remind everyone that participation in high school sports is an honor and a privilege, but, is not a requirement. Competitive football is a sport; Not to be confused with day care. We constantly try to provide leadership for our football program and community to inspire their achievement and goals as students and athletes. I want to remind everyone our stance on childish, horseplay behavior:

## **5. SAFETY/HORSEPLAY**

- a) Student/Athletes are expected to follow all Smoky Hill school rules regarding safety in and around ALL SCHOOL FACILITIES, during use of all equipment and implements associated with football as explained by the coaching staff.**
- b) Accidents do and will occur. However, it is our goal to prevent any accidents from occurring as a result of a breach of safety or horseplay rules.**
- c) HAZING OR ABUSE OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Any incidents of hazing or abuse should be reported to Coach Copp, Coach Kieffer, Coach Thenell, Mr. Thompson or administration immediately. Any players involved will be dealt with by doing what is right, honest and decent concerning the situation. Including dismissal from the team.**

Win, lose or rain out we can be excited and proud of everything our kids can accomplish, Whatever that is, by ridding our program of childish behavior.

Thank You, and GO BUFFS!!

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