

KCFC Approved Standards and Requirements for Player Participation

1. **Acceptable Written Standards:** Rule 9.08 requires that the KCFC provide acceptable written standards for exceptions to the standard minimum play requirements. This document constitutes the acceptable written standards for player participation pursuant to Rule 9.08.
2. **General Rule Governing Playing Time:** The KCFC Rule Book provides at Rule 9.08 that each player shall play a minimum of 7 plays per half on offense, defense and/or special teams. If the team has more than a 22 players on its roster, and more than 22 players are suited for the game, then the minimum play requirement is reduced to 5 plays per half. The minimum play rule is reduced to five plays per half for all games involving 9-man football.
3. **Exception to Minimum Play Rule:** According to Rule 9.08, the minimum play requirements shall not apply if a player is injured or is the subject of discipline. The rule requires that the standards and requirements for player participation be provided to parents prior to the start of the season, and approved by the KCFC Sportsmanship Committee.
4. **Expectation:** Each player on this team is expected to regularly attend practice sessions, refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct, and adhere to the directives of the coaching staff.
5. **Injury:** A player may be restricted by a coach from participating if the player has an injury that generally impairs his ability to fulfill the requirements of his responsibilities as a player as he is regularly positioned for play, causes the player significant pain, or that places the player at risk of more significant injury. Normal bumps and bruises are not considered an "injury" for the purposes of this rule unless the player and/or parent determines the player should not participate.
6. **Discipline:** A player may be restricted by a coach from participating if the player conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner, if he fails to fulfill the financial responsibilities for participation such as reasonable team fees, uniform costs, etc., fails to regularly attend practice sessions, fails to be respectful to coaches and officials, and/or fails to adhere to the directives of the coaching staff. Attendance at religious activities, scouting activities, funerals, weddings, and necessary school functions shall be presumed acceptable reasons for missing practice, but the player is still required to regularly attend practice. Parents shall provide at least 4 days notice to the head coach in writing, including email, stating player name, date of notice, date of practice to be missed, activity/event causing the missed practice, and parental signature, regarding said activities and/or events (except funerals). If a head coach seeks to invoke the exceptions under Rule 9.08, when a player misses practice due to the above activities/events, and proper notice was provided by the parents, prior approval must be obtained from the Sportsmanship Committee to exercise the minimum play exceptions under Rule 9.08.
7. **Notification:** The head coach shall notify the player's parents, the Sportsmanship Committee, the officials and the opposing head coach if a player will not be playing the minimum time due to injury or discipline prior to the game.
8. **KCFC Statement to Parents:** It is incumbent upon the parents to ensure that their child regularly attends football practice. The KCFC recognizes that other important activities and events may require the attendance of your child, and that some activities and events may take precedence over football. However, it must be understood by parents that while they are free to prioritize their child's activities and events, football requires dedication and practice, and the head coach is charged with maximizing the performance of his team. Parents must understand that their choice in prioritizing their child's activities and events may lead to reduced playing time.

Player Name:

Print Name

Parent/Guardian:

Signature

Date

Head Coach:

Signature

Date

Team: _____