



2017
Deer Park

RAMS

Handbook





2017 RAM Football Fees

Fundraiser Option

Football

\$330.00 Registration Fee

+\$150.00 Candy

+\$100.00 Raffle

\$580.00 Initial Cost

-\$240.00 Candy Sales

-\$100.00 Your sales from Raffle

\$240.00 Total Cost

Buyout Option

Football

\$330.00 Registration Fee

+\$30.00 Candy Buyout

+100.00 Raffle

\$460.00 Initial Cost

-\$100.00 Raffle Sales

\$360.00 Total Cost

Sibling Discount: \$50 off 2nd child

Payments may be made in cash, check, or credit card

(Visa/MasterCard) 2.5% Admin fee

**Fees include: TIFI fees, equipment, player's Banquet ticket, Yearbook,
End of the year gift.**

Select an option and pay in full today or split into 3 checks

Payments (1 dated at registration, 1 on May 30th, 1 on June 30th).

You will receive 20-\$5 raffle tickets that you can sell or put into the raffle yourself.

Also, you can choose to pay the \$100.00 Raffle at Equipment Issue.

Once you take the fundraisers they cannot be returned.

Payment Information:

Player Registration selection _____ Fundraiser Option _____ Buyout Option

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Credit Card _____

Check#1 _____ Ccheck#2 _____ Check#3 _____





Fundraising

Chocolate Sale

You have the **OPTION** to sell chocolate at registration. This fundraiser is designed to raise funds for the club and to help lower your cost. If you choose to sell chocolate you will pay \$150 for the chocolate and then sell it for \$240. The \$90 will help you recoup some of your money that you paid to be on the team. You may sell as much chocolate to recoup more money as long as supplies last. If you don't want to sell the candy, then you can buy out for \$30.

Raffle

Every football player, Dear Heart, and Lil Heart will be required to buy 20 - \$5 raffle tickets for \$100. The raffle tickets will be distributed at Equipment Issue. When you sell these you will recoup all of your money. This fundraiser will benefit the club. You have the choice to pay for the raffle tickets now or at Equipment Issue. Funds raised will go to purchase items for the whole team.





DEER PARK RAMS

PRACTICE RULES, TIME, AND LOCATION

Rams practice starts Monday, July 31, 2017. The first 3 weeks of practice will be Monday – Saturday. Our Monday – Friday practices will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm. Our Saturday practice will begin at 9:00 am and end at 10:30 am. Please come dressed in full gear ready to get on the field.

PRACTICE LOCATION

Bonnette Junior High @ 5010 W. Pasadena Blvd, Deer Park Texas 77536

PRACTICE DAYS AND TIMES AFTER FIRST GAME**

Monday (6:00-7:30) Tuesday (6:00-7:30) Thursday (6:00-8:00)

Practice will start promptly at the times listed. All five teams will begin and end at the same times.

*Extra 30 minutes on Thursday for kicking game practice (7:30-8:00)

**Practice dates and times are subject to change

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1. PLEASE BE ON TIME. We only have 1 ½ hours to get our work in.
2. TIFI does not allow parents on the practice field.
3. We supply water for the players and have consistent water breaks.
4. Players will:
 - * Use good behavior and manners
 - * Use good sportsmanship
 - * Will respect, listen, and follow their coaches instructions
 - * Respect and support their teammates
 - * Respect and listen to Referees
 - * Will not use foul language or actions at anytime

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and let's have a great year!!



Rams/Dear Heart/Lil Heart Practice Fields



Rams/Dear Hearts/Lil Hearts Return Check Policy

Please read the below statements from the 2017 Ram/Dear Hearts/Lil Hearts by-laws in regards to all returned checks. The 2017 Rams/Dear Hearts/Lil Hearts by-laws can be found on the website www.leaguelineup.com/deerparkrams under “Handouts” tab.

Article IV

Finance

d.) Any returned check shall incur a return check fee of \$30 each. Any Family that has had (2) NSF checks returned to the organization for the nonpayment will be required to pay all monies for the remainder of their affiliation with the DPRDH in the form of cash, certified check, or money order. No personal check will be accepted after the second returned check. Parents will be notified of their return check by both email and certified letter. **No equipment will be issued to any player unless all fees have been paid and cleared.**

Ram/Dear Heart/Lil Heart Sibling Discount

2 participants = \$50.00 discount

3 or more participants - \$100.00 discount

All participants must reside in the same household.

Discount will not exceed \$100 per family.

Discount will apply to registration fee only.

2017 Deer Park Rams/Dear Hearts/Lil' Heart Refund Policy

The Deer Park Rams/Dear Hearts/ Lil' Hearts board must approve all requested refunds.

Request of refund must be sent to the Club President, Club Treasurer, and Athletic Director or Drill Director via email or written request.

Refunds will be given accordingly to the following circumstances –

Refund request received prior to Equipment Issue July 30, 2016 – All monies paid minus items already ordered and prior paid TIFI fees.

Refund requests received after Equipment Issue, July 30, 2016 – Refunds will not be given including any fundraising monies or buyout fees.

The Deer Park Ram/Dear Hearts/Lil' Hearts Refund Policy must be included in the annual Rams/Dear Hearts/Lil' Hearts Rules and Regulations packet.

2017 Deer Park Rams Football

Rules and Regulations

The coaches and the Deer Park Rams, Dear Hearts and Lil' Hearts Executive Board are looking forward to working with each player and parent this season. Now that your child is a member of the Deer Park Rams, it is important that you and your child understand the rules set forth by Texas Intercity Football Inc. (TIFI) and the Deer Park Rams, Dear Hearts and Lil' Hearts Executive Board.

EQUIPMENT

Each player will be issued equipment at Equipment Issue on Saturday, July 29, 2017. Each player will receive the following: helmet, shoulder pads, chin strap, mouth piece, practice pants, practice jersey and 7 pads for their football pants, if necessary. If equipment is lost or stolen, you must reimburse the club for the missing equipment. All the equipment must be returned to the club at the end of the season.

PRACTICE

The Deer Park Rams practice will begin on Monday, July 31, 2017 promptly at 6pm and will end at 7:30pm. Practice will be held Mondays through Fridays from 6pm to 7:30pm and on Saturdays 9am to 10:30am for the first three (3) weeks. Once the season starts, practice will be Mondays and Tuesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm and on Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm. Fridays will be reserved for Rainouts. Before you drop your child off at practice, please make sure that a coach or a board member is present. Please be prompt when picking up your child from practice. Per City of Deer Park Rules, All vehicles must be parked in parking lots, not in grass or on fields.

PRACTICE AND GAME DAY RULES

1. During practice and games, we ask that all parents remain off the field. The field is reserved for the players and staff ONLY. In compliance with TIFI Rules, parents are not allowed on the sidelines of the field during games. The game day field is reserved for Officials, Coaching Staff, Team Members and the Deer Park Rams and Dear Hearts Executive Board Members. Anyone in violation of this rule will result in personal and club fines from TIFI.
2. Please help us to keep everyone including other children behind the designated areas.
3. During practice and games, we ask that parents do not interrupt unless it is an emergency.
4. If you wish to speak with a coach, please approach them either before or after practice and away from the players. On a game day, you may approach a coach prior to the game but may not approach a coach following the game.
5. Parents and players are required to act in a courteous manner during practice and games.

6. No foul language will be tolerated from parents or players at anytime.
7. Parents can and will be removed from the practice field and game field for any misconduct, violations of Rams and Dear Hearts By-laws, TIFI Rules or Code of Ethics.
 - a. Any and all TIFI incurred fines relating to any violations must be paid for by the parent or player.
8. The TIFI Code of Conduct must be signed and followed at all times by the parents.
9. All problems will be handled through the Deer Park Rams and Dear Heart chain of command. The following is the chain of command:
 - a. Head Coach of the appropriate team
 - b. Athletic Director
 - c. Executive Board Member
10. Ethical Violations include but are not limited to:
 - a. Any action that directly violates the parent / player code of conduct.
 - b. Any verbal inference or written statement that has the express intent of causing harm to another member of this Booster Club.
 - c. Any physical action that creates the potential for harm.

*As stated in the Deer Park Rams, Dear Hearts and Lil' Hearts By-Laws, Article V, Section 2.
11. Any violations as stated above will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee and could lead to removal from the booster club.

PLAYER RULES

1. If any player should miss 2 practices in one week, they are ineligible to play in that week's game.
2. If any player should miss the last scheduled practice before the game, they are ineligible to play in that week's game.
3. If any player should arrive late to 3 or more practices in one week, they are ineligible to play in that week's game.
4. A missed practice in conjunction with being late to any other practices in the same week will make the player ineligible to play in that week's game.
5. A player not in full pads, practice jersey and ready to start practice promptly at the beginning of practice will be considered late for practice.
 - a. Freshman, sophomore and junior players must wear their designated team colored practice jersey.
 - b. Only senior players may wear their designated team colored practice jersey or any previous year's Ram football jersey.
6. No foul language or disrespect will be tolerated from the players at any time.
7. The appropriate Coaches, Player Agent and Athletic Director will handle all disciplinary actions which could include but are not limited to the player being ineligible to play in that week's game.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received and read the 2017 Deer Park Rams Football Rules and Regulations.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Player Signature

Date

2017 DP Rams Booster Club (DPRBC) discipline policy

Intent: To define an accepted internal disciplinary policy that allows for corrective actions within the membership of the DPRBC. DPRBC disciplinary actions cover only the voluntary membership of the DPRBC and set the basis for ethical behavior within the club. These rules can only be met or exceeded by the corresponding policies of any organization for which the DPRBC has voted to obtain / maintain membership within.

These rules and corrective actions are for violations of the parent / player code of conduct internally within the DPRBC and are intended to maintain good order and respect between the memberships of the club.

Definition of a violation:

- Any action that directly violates the parent / participant code of conduct
- Any action that violates TIFI rules
- Any verbal inference or written statement that has the express intent of causing harm to another member of DPRBC
- Any physical action or threat that creates the potential for harm

Enforcement of Disciplinary Code:

- A- The code will be enforced with a three strikes system that is individually reviewed by a DPRBC board disciplinary committee within 5 days of any infraction.

Strike 1 – Immediate removal from any DPRBC activity, Probationary time for 48 hours during which the member cited for the infraction will not be allowed to participate in any DPRBC activity nor will be allowed within the area in which this activity takes place.

Strike 2 – Immediate removal from any DPRBC activity, Probationary time of 2 weeks during which the member cited for the infraction will not be allowed to participate in any DPRBC activity nor will be allowed within the area in which the activity takes place.

Strike 3 – Immediate removal from any DPRBC activity, immediate revoke of membership with DPRBC for a period of no less than 1 calendar year.

- B- Strikes may only be given by the President, Athletic Director (AD) or Drill Director (DD) in person with no less than 1 witness. The AD / DD will be required to submit a written account including witness accounts within 24 hours to the disciplinary committee chair (President/VP), disciplinary committee as well as a copy to the member who committed the infraction. Failure to submit this written document within the 24 hour period automatically recants the strike offense at the 24 hour point. Strikes can only be recanted by a vote of the Disciplinary Committee.

C- DPRBC Disciplinary Board Committee

- Will be a 6 person committee of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Drill Club Representative, Football Club Representative. This committee will be chaired by the President and he will only vote in the case of a tie.
- The meeting will be run according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- The AD / DD are required to present the written charges orally to the committee and present any supporting documentation prior to the meeting.
- The Football / Drill player agent is required to make a statement either in acceptance of or in difference to the charges on behalf of the violator. This must be presented prior to the meeting in writing to include any supporting documentation.
- Discussion will be mandatory allowing only 2 statements of no more than 5 min each for both sides of the strike infraction. There will only be a total of 4 five minute statements allowed.
- Voting will be an approval or disapproval of the strike infraction. Disapproval will recant the infraction immediately. Votes are final and binding.
- Any discussion, materials or statements made prior to, in preparation for, submitted to or in reference of the strike review process that are proven to be intentionally false, slanderous, or malicious in intent can be grounds for an immediate Strike 3 infraction for the violating member. This infraction will be proposed to the committee by the president at a subsequent meeting and will require a 100% majority for voting approval. In the case this infraction is made by the president or an appointed position then the VP will nominate a replacement elected board member to replace them on the committee.

"TOBACCO PRODUCTS USE" POLICIES

There is a "NO TOBACCO PRODUCT USE" policy in effect for all Texas schools. This includes school property - buildings, and outdoor facilities including the stadiums and practice fields.

DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. This includes North Campus, South Campus, Deer Park Jr. High; Bonnette Junior High; and Deepwater Junior High School.

LA PORTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. This includes La Porte High School; La Porte Junior High; Baker Junior High; and Lomax Junior High.

ALVIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. This includes Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Brook High Schools Clear Lake Intermediate; and Seabrook Intermediate.

The following schools have a "NO TOBACCO PRODUCT USE POLICY" for their buildings.. As of right now, there is no policy for outdoor facilities EXCEPT as follows:

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. There are designated areas for use of "TOBACCO PRODUCTS".

LA MARQUE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. Tobacco products use by students will NOT be tolerated in any part of the school property.

The following buildings have a "NO TOBACCO PRODUCT USE" policy are:

DEER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

DEER PARK MAXWELL CENTER

DEER PARK ACTIVITY CENTER

DEER PARK AVON CENTER

LA PORTE CITY HALL

LA PORTE POLICE BUILDING

EVELYN KENNEDY CENTER IN LA PORTE

HITCHCOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER SCHOOLS OR PUBLIC BUILDINGS HAVING A "NO TOBACCO PRODUCT USE" POLICY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY.

TIFI RESPECTS AND WILL COMPLY WITH THESE POLICIES.

Policy Regarding Participant/Parent/Guest Behavior On the Practice and Game Fields

The Deer Park Independent School District has a “NO TOLERANCE” policy regarding the use of Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs and Weapons on school district property. Because our practice and game fields are Deer Park Independent School District facilities, **this “NO TOLERANCE” policy is applicable to our practice and game fields, including the parking lot.** In addition, Texas Intercity Football, Inc. (TIFI) also **includes the use of profanity** as part of this “NO TOLERANCE” policy as outlined in TIFI Rule 15.05 and 15.06 shown below:

- 15.05 Booster Club officials are responsible for the deportment of their own supporters. Alcoholic beverages and profane or abusive language in the stands or parking lot must not be tolerated.
- 15.06 There shall be no smoking on the playing field or in the bench area. Tobacco use policies of the State of Texas and local school districts shall be strictly enforced as well as any city and county tobacco use policies.
 - A. Individual Clubs will, should they see fit, be responsible for establishing and enforcing a tobacco policy for their Club for games and practices. Every TIFI Club will be responsible for compliance with our hosts’ established facility tobacco use policies.

Violators of this policy can and will be asked to leave the premises.

Violation of this “NO TOLERANCE” policy can result in the following actions:

- 1. Banishment from the practice field. Violator must remain in parking lot area during practice.
- 2. Banishment from home game field during games.
- 3. Dismissal of child from team and organization. Registration fees and any other fees or charges will not be refunded.

This policy is applicable to players, parents and their guests and visiting teams. Members of the Deer Park Rams, Dear Hearts and Li'l Hearts organization are asked to inform their guests of this policy and to help enforce this policy.

Respectfully,

Deer Park Rams and Dear Hearts
Board of Directors & Booster Club

Coaches' Code of Ethics

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for an my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

All coaches, volunteers, parents, players, and individual booster clubs may exercise their rights as a United States citizen and utilize the court system for their complaints after they have exhausted their appeal processes laid out by TIFI. However, if they chose to do so, they must relinquish their membership and coaching opportunities until the case is complete. Membership and coaching applications can only be reinstated by a 4/5 vote of the entire conference, not just those present.

NAME (PRINT) _____

TIFI BOOSTER CLUB _____ TITLE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____