

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY EAGLES



Belchertown-Granby Eagles Youth Football Organization

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General Rules and Guidelines

- 1) Personal Expectations
 - a) We expect participants to exhibit good conduct both on and off the field.
 - b) During the football season, each member should strive to maintain his or her grades in a successful manner.
 - c) If a member does not attend school the day of practice, they should not attend practice that day unless circumstances warrant it.
- 2) Equipment
 - a) All equipment issued to you is your responsibility for the season. Items damaged beyond repair due to misuse or neglect is your financial responsibility.
 - b) No items of equipment will be worn or used except at authorized times.
 - c) Issued items must be kept cleaned and promptly returned at the specified time at the conclusion of the season. If the equipment is not returned by November 15th to an officer of the organization, a fee of \$300.00 will be assessed to the parent/guardian.
 - d) No post season awards will be given until all equipment is turned in.
- 3) Fundraising Supplied and Money
 - a) All Fundraising money and supplies shall be returned promptly. No post season awards will be given to individuals who have not complied.
- 4) Outside Activities
 - a) No participant can play, practice, etc. in another organized sport during the season (SAFL rule). Violations of these rules can be grounds for dismissal under the provisions of paragraph 7b of these rules and guidelines.
- 5) Practice
 - a) It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from practice, no earlier than 15 minutes before and no later than 15 minutes after practice. Also in case of inclement weather it is the responsibility to be at the field within 15 minutes of cancellation of practice or game.
 - b) Members will be at practice on time. Continued tardiness may be grounds for dismissal under paragraph 7b of these rules and guidelines.
 - c) Three unexcused absences during the season will be grounds for dismissal under paragraph 7b of these rules and guidelines.
 - d) Excused absences - when coaches are notified 24 hours in advance (emergencies excluded). It is up to the parent to insure absences are for just cause so as not to jeopardize physical conditioning and safety.
 - e) If a person has not actively participated for up to three practices in a row in a given week, his or her participation will be at the discretion of the coaches due to safety considerations until physical conditioning is back to par.
 - f) No participant excused for medical reason's (doctor's excuse) can resume practice until cleared by a written doctor's notice.
- 6) Games
 - a) It is a parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from games. You must insure that your child is picked up at the game/event no later than 15 minutes after conclusion. Please note - if parent have made other arrangements to

- b) pick up their child, written notification must be received prior to the game/event. Participants must be at the games one hour before the game time. This is to insure proper physical conditioning and preparation. Tardiness may result in non-participation in that game/event.
 - c) Excused absences - when coaches are notified 48 hours in advance (emergencies excluded).
 - d) The same written medical clearance is needed as noted in paragraph 5f of these guidelines if a participant was previously injured.
- 7) Termination
 - a) Immediate dismissal shall occur when a participant is found to be using drugs or alcohol or is in possession of a dangerous weapon during any function sponsored by the BGEYFO.
 - b) Other dismissals shall occur when a participant exhibits, over a period of time, disregard for the general rules, regulations, and procedures as established by his or her coach, BGEYFO, and the Suburban Amateur Youth Football League
 - i. In the event of such dismissal, this procedure shall be followed:
 1. The participant's Head Coach will speak to the participant, stating The concern and the specific terms and specifically how the participant may correct the problem.
 2. Should the concern still exist, and at the Head Coach's discretion, the participant may be given a written warning that should the problem remain uncorrected, he or she may be terminated. Parents will be contacted and their assistance requested, remembering the intent is to retain all participants. The Board of Directors will receive a copy of the written warning within 72 hours.
 3. If there is still no correction of the problem, the participant may be Placed on a probationary status for one week. After the probationary period, the Head Coach, Board of Directors, and parents will meet. At that time, the Board of Directors will vote, majority rules, on whether or not to retain the participant.
 4. Any request by the Head Coach for dismissal will be submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors at an emergency meeting. The parents will be notified of the meeting time and place.
 5. The Coaches may decide to readmit a participant at such time as circumstances would warrant. This would be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 8) General Discipline
 - a) General discipline at all times is the jurisdiction of the Coaches in accordance with fair play, common sense, safety, and team decorum.
- 9) Fees and Refunds
 - a) Football Players and Cheerleaders: \$130 per player, \$115 for each additional player in the family. Add \$30 for football jersey, No Refund.
 - b) If a participant chooses not to continue with the season, a partial refund will be issued as follows:
 - a. August 1st thru 3rd - \$100 refund
 - b. August 4th is our weigh in date - **NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN AFTER WEIGH-INS - NO EXCEPTIONS**
 - c. The BGEYFO is a parent run organization and it is expected that all parents meet the voluntary obligation of the organization.

Player Printed Name: _____
 Player Signature: _____
 Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____
 Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____
 Date: _____