

## **Expectations for Parents:**

The Arlington Cowboys has one goal: A positive experience for every child and family, win or lose.

### What this means:

- Never yell, scream or approach another player, parent, coach or referee in an aggressive manner—One and done
- Never touch another player, parent, coach or referee in an aggressive manner—one and done—new rule, instant and automatic forfeit, suspension
- Always positively encourage your players and team
- Always be on time
- Always ask if you can help
- Always display respect for the game, your opponents and the Cowboys
- Always adhere to good sportsmanship
- Know that a coach drafts a FOOTBALL TEAM, not 12 running backs and quarterbacks. Your son will play more than one position as much as practical and the position that allows him to succeed, whether that is a linemen, defensive back, nose tackle or QB.

If you have issues, you should address with the coach in an open, yet private and honest way. There should not be “unrest” or back channel discussions about coaches. Bring the issue out to the coach. If the issue is not addressed by your coach in a satisfactory manner, bring it to the division lead, and if still not addressed, bring the issue to the commissioner or co-commissioner.

Remember, winning is important to a sport program because a goal for each team is to compete! But winning is not the most important or only goal in youth athletics. Competition brings out a whole host of positive experiences for children. We want to make sure that each young person in Cowboy Football recognizes the virtues and character it takes to do your best not just for yourself but for your team. Again, what is most important is a positive experience for every player and family, win or lose and we cannot do this without the support of our parents and fans.