

## **2025 SET APART POLICIES 2.0 – HEAT FOOTBALL**

We are excited to have you join us for the upcoming season of Heat Football. As a part of our commitment to fostering a positive, supportive environment, we have a few expectations that will guide us through a season of growth and teamwork. We invite all athletes and their families to prayerfully consider these guidelines, knowing that they are in place to help everyone grow in faith, strength, and sportsmanship.

Our goal is to create an environment where every participant—athletes, coaches, and families—are committed to building each other up, striving for excellence, and maintaining the values that make Heat Football a unique ministry.

### **Sportsmanship and Respect**

At Heat Football, we believe in prioritizing sportsmanship, respect, and kindness. We want to ensure that winning and personal glory do not overshadow the importance of being kind to opponents, referees, and each other. We ask that families and fans lead by example in fostering a spirit of encouragement and support. Any actions or words that detract from this environment may lead to suspension or dismissal from the team.

### **A Safe and Supportive Environment**

Heat Football is committed to offering a safe and stable space for athletes to build lasting friendships, grow in physical and mental strength, and deepen their faith and spiritual maturity. We view this as an outreach ministry, where discipline and growth go hand-in-hand. We ask that all athletes and their families support the values and priorities set by our staff and leadership. Playing time will be earned through practice, and will be determined at the discretion of the Head Coach. If you have questions about playing time, the Head Coach is happy to discuss it with each athlete privately at the beginning or end of practice. Parents or family members who approach other families regarding playing time may face consequences, as this is considered disruptive to team unity.

### **Serving Opportunities**

We encourage all athletes and their families to actively participate in serving the Heat Football ministry. This involvement helps to strengthen our community and supports our mission. All athletes and parents/guardians will be asked to serve as outlined during our annual Player/Parent Meeting. If this responsibility is not met, it may lead to suspension or dismissal from the team. However, we also understand circumstances may prevent a family from serving. If that be the case please discuss with the Head Coach.

### **Attendance at Practices and Training**

We understand that life can be busy, but it is important for athletes to attend all practices as scheduled. The practice schedule has been made available on the Heat website well in advance of the season. If an athlete misses a practice, they will forfeit the opportunity to participate in a quarter of play in the following game. However, the Head Coach may approve absences without penalty if the absence is necessary for the athlete's well-being (physical, mental, spiritual, or academic) and is communicated in advance.

We truly appreciate your commitment to these policies and thank you for helping create a season where each athlete can thrive. Let's work together to make 2025 a memorable and meaningful season for all involved!