

2025 SET APART POLICIES – HEAT FOOTBALL

The following expectations are intended to clearly notify all athletes and their parents/guardians of a higher expectation of behavior for all who wish to participate in the upcoming season for Heat Football. The terms expressed below are non-negotiable and failure to comply with these expectations will serve as grounds for suspension or dismissal from Heat Football at the sole discretion of the Head Coach. Please prayerfully consider your willingness to comply with these policies prior to the beginning of the 2025 season so that all who participate will be committed to reaching the desired level of differentiation that our ministry is seeking.

1 - Heat Football seeks to be set apart from behavior that elevates winning and personal glory over sportsmanship, kindness toward opponents and referees, and encouraging behavior towards our staff and our athletes. Using words or actions that do not communicate this desire to be set apart by families and fans will not be tolerated and will be grounds for player suspension or dismissal.

2 - Heat Football is committed to offer a safe and stable environment for all athletes to build great friendships with their teammates and to grow in faith, physical and mental strength and endurance, and spiritual maturity. Heat football is primarily an outreach ministry and an exercise of discipline and it is expected that all athletes and their families will be in full support of the priorities set by our staff and leadership. If selected to participate in the 2025 season, each athlete will be entitled to attend all practices to experience and develop in the priorities described in this section. It has clearly been communicated that all playing time in games and scrimmages will be earned during practices and will be at the full discretion of the Head Coach. Playing time will not be open for discussion at any time with parents or any family members of the athletes. The Head Coach will be open to discuss playing time with each athlete, which should occur at the beginning or ending of each practice, to allow athletes the feedback they need to earn opportunities to compete. If a parent or family member attempts to discuss an athlete's playing time at any point during the season with any of our coaching staff or other parents or family members, it will be taken as an act of defiance and division and will be subject to player suspension or dismissal.

3 - Serving opportunities will be made available for all athletes and family members to allow growth and support of the Heat Football ministry. All athletes and parents/guardians will be expected to serve throughout the season as described at the annual Player/Parent Meeting. If athletes and/or their parents/guardians neglect this responsibility and expectation, it is understood that it will be grounds for player suspension or dismissal.

4 - Practices and training times have been clearly communicated on the Heat website well in advance of the season beginning. It is expected that all athletes attend each practice throughout the season, with the exception of church summer camp or summer mission trips. Should an athlete miss a practice for any reason, they will forfeit the opportunity to participate in a quarter of play in the next contest on the schedule. Each practice missed will result in a full quarter of ineligibility, at the full discretion of the Head Coach. The Head Coach reserves the right, at his complete discretion, to approve absences without penalty if the absences are approved in advance and it is determined by the Head Coach that the absence was necessary to maintain the athlete's mental, physical, spiritual, or academic health.