



THE PROACTIVE PLAYER

I believe that the Titan football program develops young men who can problem solve and communicate independently. Players should be proactive and communicate with their position coaches to determine what can benefit them in becoming a better player. We will never discuss with individuals another teammate's ability, mistakes, or why they are starting over another teammate.

The proactive player procedure:

- 1. Request a meeting with your position coach. Listen to the feedback the coach gives you about improving on the field. Ask yourself if you can improve in the following areas:
*trust *knowledge *work ethic *ability*
- 2. Be patient...not all of the criteria above can be improved in a day or a week. Ability will be the toughest to improve on but work ethic, developing trust, and knowing what to do on the field can help you earn playing time.*
- 3. If need be set up a meeting with the head coach, position coach and player.*
- 4. The final step would be a meeting between the parent, position coach, and the head coach to discuss a plan for the student-athlete and his role on the team. Possible solutions might be a change of position or an emphasis on special teams. Candid conversation and honesty is a must in a situation like this.*

The outcome might not be what is desired but we believe this makes the player responsible and develops coping skills. Players should compete for playing time but also be realistic in their expectations.

Every player whether they are a starter or a back up will be made to feel value in being part of the Titan football program. Honesty will be the best policy and coaches will be direct in their evaluation process...but also do it with the player preserving dignity.

