



Dundee Crown  Tri-Cities

**JR. CHARGERS**

Youth Football and Cheer

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## **TEAM MOM HANDBOOK**

Thank you for joining the DC/TC Jr. Chargers! And thank you for volunteering your time! This handbook is a guide to what the Team Mom duties will be. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Football Volunteer Coordinator.

### **Communication-**

The team mom writes and distributes all team communications. Communications channels could consist of face-to-face meetings, emails, phone calls, text messages, hard copy information and/or team websites (Facebook, Shutterfly, etc...). The team mom alerts parents regarding the game schedule, practice times and places, directions to games, information from the coach, etc. The team mom is the “go-to” parent for all things team related.

### **Volunteer Schedule-**

The Jr. Chargers organization is run purely by volunteers- there are no paid positions. The game cannot go on without volunteers. Team moms build and populate the volunteer schedule for the season.

## **Volunteer Roles consist of =**

- Field Marshall
- Score Keeper
- Chain Gang
- Concession workers
- Snack
- Photographer (optional, if you can get a parent to take pictures that would be appreciated)
- Videographer (optional, if you can get a parent to take video of games that would be appreciated)

## **Event Planning & Overall Coordination-**

The team mom plans events such as parent meetings, homecoming festivities, after game outings and the end of season party. The team mom is also in charge of homecoming parent gifts and coach's gifts.

The Jr. Chargers organization typically orders miscellaneous items throughout the season. The organization will ask team moms to coordinate orders and money from their team. These could include window stickers and spirit wear orders, etc.

## **Homecoming Activities-**

Homecoming is a special time for football players and families. It is a time to celebrate the season and the sport. Homecoming dates (typically mid-Sept) are not announced until end of August or beginning of September, so please be patient. Team moms are in charge of

homecoming activity coordination. Below are some typical activities of homecoming.

### **Pre-Party/Pep-Rally**

Coaches and players often celebrate the Saturday before homecoming with a pep rally. The pep rally location will be determined when the season starts. Food is provided by all families and not the Jr. Chargers organization.

### **TPing**

Tping is a fun activity for all players with parent permission and happens on the Friday night or Saturday night before homecoming. Any home being tped requires the parents' permission. A player doesn't go tping if their parent does not allow their own home to be tped with the exception of an apartment, townhome, or home owner's association rule. Players provide their own toilet paper. The Team mom will organize volunteers to drive 3-4 players and will tp 4-5 homes on their route.

### **Player Yard Signs**

Player signs are usually ordered through a company. Team moms are in charge of coordinating all orders with player information per team, and collecting money from the parents. These signs are placed in the player's yard for homecoming weekend. Players will bring their signs to the homecoming game and place them in the end zone.

## **Moms Gifts**

Team moms are in charge of planning and coordinating the parent's gifts for homecoming.

## **Breakthrough Banner**

Players like to run through a breakthrough banner when entering the field for the game. You can either order these banners or make them. This is entirely up to the team mom. These can be made from butcher paper, Plastic sheeting cut in strips, or an arch of streamers, etc.

## **Game Halftime**

Players and Moms will line up across from each other on the field in two parallel lines. An announcer will announce each player and they will give the parents gift to the parent. The team mom is responsible for finding an announcer, and providing him/her with a team roster.

## **Post Season Party/Banquet-**

Team parties are organized and booked by the team mom. Ideas of places, can be a parent's home, a pizza place, Brunswick zone, etc. Typically coach's gifts can be given at this party. We have a list of sponsors that can be used to host this party.