



“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”- 1 Timothy 4:8

AND WE'RE OFF!

The 2018/19 HCYA Hurricanes season is officially underway! Welcome to early mornings, mosquitoes, heat, humidity, a few ants and lots of standing water! But before we start to feel sorry for ourselves, let's simply breathe it all in. Think of the many blessings of being part of TEAM HURRICANES: Learning the game; improving your skills; developing friendships; having fun; enjoying fellowship, and of course, growing spiritually. Our goal is to provide an environment where players feel free to express themselves on the field and are encouraged to pursue a life of godliness both at and away from the athletic arena.

WHAT'S EXPECTED?

There's no escaping the fact that as a Hurricane, you have both a unique opportunity and a huge responsibility. Over the past 7 years, Sports Quest has been blessed to “do life” with hundreds of players who have represented their teams and the program with distinction. Their legacy is impressive and their example, though not perfect, has allowed the program to thrive. Dedication to practice and play are non-negotiables. Hard work, enthusiasm, respect, teamwork – these are just a few added ingredients which make up the Hurricanes DNA – a culture in which servant leadership has been modelled and duplicated by those gone before you. This is not a place for pride or self-centeredness. Instead, we are to follow Scripture's command in Philippians 2:4, “*Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*”

As we begin our epic journey, our aim is to raise the bar even higher! It's a tall order, but it is possible. Let's remember several keys to success, many of which were stressed during pre-season training:

- The team always comes first – “It's not about me”
- When life is rough – pray. When life is great – Pray
- The best leaders ask for help because they never believe they know it all
- A second chance doesn't mean anything if you haven't learned from your first mistake
- Sometimes you win. Sometimes you learn
- True leaders hold others accountable
- True leaders step up, stand up and speak up
- True leaders quickly leave pity parties
- True leaders ask for forgiveness and extend forgiveness
- The heart of leadership is putting others ahead of yourself

Looking forward to seeing you next week!

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“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” - Philippians 4:13