## **Spartan Special Teams Philosophy**

Special teams play can make or break a game regardless of how well the offense or defense is playing. Special teams are a chance to set the tone of the game and create momentum changes at crucial points in a game. Special teams are always an emphasis in scouting an opponent, practice preparation for an opponent and also game time adjustments against an opponent. Special teams are promoted as key roles on a successful football team and are treated as an honor for athletes to play on. All special teams will be filled with the best athletes to fill these important roles. These players must be students of the game, aggressive, extremely coachable, and most importantly disciplined to follow through on their assignment without self glorification.

As special teams can be a game changing opportunity, we will take advantage of every sound opportunity to be aggressive and strategic in this part of the game. With the proper planning and timing we will take advantage of the opportunities to attack an opponent with fakes and special plays to succeed. We will also be sound on special teams against fakes and special plays by playing our assignments and being disciplined to not be caught off guard. We will pride ourselves on our special teams with realizing the importance that they play in our program and will benefit from this readiness throughout the season. Special team's players will be disciplined players and will be the best athletes that we can play in those spots to put our team in the best position to succeed. As on offense and defense, special team's players will represent our team with equal responsibility and Spartan pride.