

Westfield Soccer



**Try-Out
Packet**

Preparation – Passion - Commitment

Westfield High School

Boys Soccer

Team Policy

Expectation and Standards

The high school season runs from August 14 - Mid November. Athletes must make a serious commitment to the team between these dates. Athletes should not schedule any other activities that will take them away from the team. **Those players that will not make that commitment**, will not be chosen for a team or will be released from a team.

If an athlete needs to see a teacher after school for extra help or to make up a test, the athlete must notify the coaching staff or captain. In some cases a pass from the teacher may be required.

- Regular, punctual attendance in all classes at Westfield High School is essential to participation in the athletic programs. *A student-athlete who cuts a class will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled contest.*

Two violations of this policy during the season will result in dismissal from the team.

- A student-athlete who receives Teacher Detentions, Office Referrals, Office Detentions, or has been thrown out of class *will be punished by losing playing time.*

Habitual offenders will be suspended from the team or removed from the team.

- A student-athlete who is suspended during the season will adhere to the following consequences:
 1. **A player who has never violated any of the team policies will lose playing time for an extended period.**
 2. **A player who has previously been reprimanded for violation of team policy could be suspended or removed from the team.**
- If a student- athlete is absent from school on a particular day, he may not be present or take part in athletic activities on that day (practice or game). If a game is the next day, he will not be able to start and/or allowed to participate.

Without exception athletic participants must turn in a completed Medical Eligibility Form, with physician's signature. No athlete may participate in practice or competition until this form is completed and submitted. Athletes must have 6 practices before participating in a scrimmage or regular season game.

Athletes are financially responsible for all school equipment furnished to them. Grades and diplomas will not be issued until all equipment is returned.

If an athlete is injured and cannot practice or play, he must still attend all team functions.

An athlete must be properly dressed for all games and practices.

COLLEGE VISITATIONS

As you explore your college decisions either as a student/athlete or just a student, college visitations are important. When planning these visitations please keep these steps in mind.

1. If at all possible please schedule visits before or after the season
2. When above is not possible, please be proactive with the coaching staff about when visitations may take place
3. All visitations should be scheduled around our game schedule

CONSEQUENCES FOR MISSING TEAM FUNCTIONS:

If an athlete misses a team function (practice/team meeting) the day before a game, the athlete will not start in the next day's game.

If an athlete misses more than 3 team functions during the course of a season, the coaching staff reserves the right to dismiss the player from the team.

PLAYERS CONDUCT OFF THE FIELD

During the season the athlete is representing the Westfield High School Soccer Program and its coaching staff. An athlete that is involved in inappropriate behavior such as drinking alcohol, using tobacco products, or using or possessing illegal drugs, will face the following consequences:

First Offense: Suspension from all athletic participation

for fourteen (14) calendar days from day

of suspension. This includes practices

and contests. (District policy)

All Subsequent Offenses: Suspension of all athletic participation for sixty (60) calendar

days, from confirmation of the offense. (District policy)

PARENT REQUIREMENTS

*Always show my support for my child regardless of the circumstances they are under.

*Support my son's team in a positive manner.

*Enjoy the games! My son's time as a high school student is a fleeting one. Make it a time to remember.

*Show respect and dignity in game-settings toward fellow fans, opposing players, opposing coaches and referees.

*I will allow the coach to coach my son. I will refrain from shouting instructions during the game.

*When a situation occurs relating to my son that raises concern (pertaining to all matters except playing time, game strategy, or issues concerning other players), I/we will follow this chain of command to resolve said situation:

- 1) Encourage my son to seek out his coach in a private meeting.
- 2) I/we will arrange a meeting with my son's coach.
- 3) I/we will arrange a meeting with the athletic director.

PLAYING TIME

This is an issue that all parents and players are concerned with. A player's time on the field is based on what we refer to as the "Three A's": ATTENDANCE, ATTITUDE AND APTITUDE. Playing time is EARNED, not granted. A spot on the team is a precious commodity, especially in a school of our size. Being able to be on the field at games is another level beyond being on the team. We as a staff will do our best to help players understand their roles as they relate to playing time. It is imperative though that players approach the coaches when that understanding is not occurring to the player's expectations. The "Three A's" are like any other characteristic a human being has; that being, some players do better at some of them than others. It is the combination of "The Three A's" that the staff must take into consideration (to the best of its ability) when deciding who will be on the playing field at any given time. Substitutions are a key component in playing time. Obviously, the "Three A's" come into play when deciding who should come into a game. Going into each game we do not have a set substitute plan. The game will dictate what changes we will need to make if any.

Attendance

School: Be in attendance the entire day to play or practice unless he has a doctor's written excuse.

Practice: Attend every day. Prepare or practice to play at each player's and our team's highest level. Sacrifices will have to be made to have a good practice. Enthusiasm is a must regardless of whatever happened off the field on that particular day. Playing time will be adjusted due to missed practice time.

Game: Attend every game and be prepared to give 100% effort in whatever role is given. Whether you are a starter or substitute all players need to support those on the field. It is VERY important to our team's success.

Attitude

Show respect in tone of voice, body language, reaction to instruction and facial expressions toward coaches, officials, opponents and teammates.

Aptitude

This is the skill and knowledge of the game and of what the team is trying to accomplish and how each player's abilities in those areas relate to the success of the team. Examples include:

- *Knowledge of our Defensive and Attacking Tactics and what to do in particular game situations.
- *Ability to listen and follow instructions.

- *Level of physical conditioning (speed, quickness, endurance, strength, etc.)

- *Specific Soccer Technique – Dribbling, passing, receiving ect...

Athletes' Code of Ethics

It is the responsibility of the athlete to:

Always represent your school with pride, handling adversity and success with dignity and grace. Be a role model, committed to the highest standards of sportsmanship, leadership, and personal conduct. Honor commitments to the sport, coaches and teammates and give an all out effort in practice and competition. Demonstrate respect for all sports, coaches, officials, teammates and opponents. Practice good citizenship, pursue academic achievement, and live a healthy lifestyle.

Coaches' Code of Ethics

It is the responsibility of the coach to:

Care for and act in the best interest of all student athletes, promoting development as a whole person. Create an atmosphere of pride and respect for the sport, players, officials, opponents and coaches. Be a positive role model - set high standards; demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all; never place winning above the value of instilling the highest, desirable ideals of character. Be committed, be knowledgeable, and prepare student athletes to compete to the best of their ability. Promote good citizenship, academic achievement, and a healthy lifestyle.

Spectators' Code of Ethics

It is the responsibility of the spectator to:

Always represent your school with pride, handling adversity and success with dignity and grace. Demonstrate sportsmanship through positive support and encouragement of all players, coaches, and officials. Create an atmosphere of respect for the sport, players, officials, coaches, and fellow spectators. Recognize that school athletics are a learning experience for students and mistakes are sometimes made. Praise them in their attempt to improve themselves as students, athletes and people.

COACH REQUIREMENTS

- *Always treat our players with respect.
- *Be very clear with our players about their roles with the team.
- *Motivate each other and our players to be their absolute best.
- *Be cognizant of players' off the field welfare.
- *Enjoy the time we spend together as a staff and as a team.

- *Respond promptly and appropriately to parents' needs and concerns. All parents' concerns are important ones and are to be treated with respect. Parents should be able to meet with any of us without any cause for concern that the content of the meeting will affect our treatment of their son or his playing time in a negative manner.

- *Be up-to-date with the latest in coaching methods and/or techniques.

- *Show class and sportsmanship in game-settings toward opposing fans, coaches and players and toward officials.

- *Spend time in the off-season working to bring about positive exposure to the program and at keeping the program fiscally-sound.

We agree to the above terms and will try to live up to them to the best of our ability