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**BOYS SOCCER**

***PLAYER & PARENT HANDBOOK***

# Introduction

Congratulations and welcome to the Jenks Boys Soccer Program!

Clear and consistent communication among coaches, players, and parents is a key ingredient in a team's success. This handbook has been prepared to provide players and their parents with important information related to the Jenks Boys Soccer program. Please take the time to become familiar with the information provided in this handbook. Players and parents are responsible for being fully aware of its contents. If, after reading you or your parents are still unclear about a certain topic, or if you have any additional questions pertaining to the program, please feel free to contact Coach Marshall for further clarification. He may be reached at [eric.marshall@jenksps.org](mailto:eric.marshall@jenksps.org)

## Philosophy

The focus of the Jenks Boys Soccer Program will be to Think, Act & Train like Champions. We believe that if we focus on those things they will result in success on the field.

## Player Responsibilities & Expectations

- Be a good student. If you are having trouble in a class, please communicate with the coaches before you become ineligible.
- Prioritize your commitment to the team.
- Attend all practice sessions.
- Be punctual. (Remember: Early is on-time. On-time is late & late is unacceptable.)
- Be coachable.
- Be responsible for all uniforms and equipment. (Players will be expected to pay for lost or damaged equipment and uniforms.)
- Be a positive representative of Jenks Public Schools and follow team rules.
- Report all injuries to the coach immediately.
- Show good sportsmanship at all times. This includes being respectful of coaches, teammates, opponents and referees.
- Do not use profanity.
- Give 100% effort at all times without fear of making mistakes.
- Treat facilities with respect. Leave them as good or better than you found them. This includes training facilities as well as the game day facilities for home and away games.
- Follow all JPS rules and policies.

*Participation in the Jenks Boys Soccer Program is a privilege, not a right.* Players should represent their family, school, and team in a respectful matter. Social media avenues should not be used in any negative way towards teammates, the program, the school, and opponents. Hazing, bullying, or any other harassing behavior is strictly prohibited. Any instance of this type of misconduct should be reported immediately. In cooperation with school administration, disciplinary actions will be taken on players that choose to represent the program negatively.

## Responsibilities of the Coaches

- Be a positive example for the players in the program.
- Ensure good communication between coaches, players, parents and the booster club.
- Select the teams.
- Determine the style of play.
- Plan and execute effective practice sessions.
- Determine starting lineups and playing time for each player.
- Establish team rules.
- Assign grades to each player that is enrolled in 6th hour athletics.
- Always make safety and the athlete's welfare the top priority.

## Responsibilities of the Captains

- Be a leader.
- Be a positive example to the other players by following and modeling the expectations and values of the program.
- Be a channel of communication between players and coaches.
- Support the development of all players in the program.
- Maintain a positive attitude at all times even if things aren't going well.
- Go the extra mile.

## Responsibilities of the Parents

- Be positive and supportive of your son and all players in the program.
- Support the program financially through fundraising, donations, and/or selling sponsorships.
- Attend as many games as possible. (Being at games is the best way to demonstrate your support for your son and for the program.)
- Do not coach from the stands or sidelines.
  - NOTE: We want our fans to be the loudest and most supportive fans in the state. However, yelling instructions from the sidelines is not productive. We want your son - and all players - to have the freedom to play the way they've been trained to play and to focus on the coach's voice for instructions and correction. A good "rule of thumb" is that fans should focus on cheering for things *after* they happen (i.e. "great job" "well done" "nice shot" etc...) and should *not* give coaching instructions (i.e. "cross the ball" "shoot" "switch the field").
- Do not criticize or berate referees. (In order to build a successful program, coaches should coach, referees should officiate the game, players should play the game and parents should support their son as well as the other players and the coaches.)
- If you have concerns or questions about your child's well-being or behavior, please feel free to discuss them with a coach. However, it is not appropriate to question coaching decisions about playing time or team strategy. It is also not appropriate to discuss other players.

# Dealing with Questions or Concerns

The following process should be followed when addressing concerns:

1st Step – The player talks to the captains and/or the coach.

2nd Step – Meeting with the coach, parent, and player.

3rd Step – Meeting with coaches, the athlete, parents, and Athletic Director or appropriate school administrator.

All questions and concerns will be dealt with using this process. Meetings or conversations should never take place on the field. If necessary, meetings will take place in the soccer office or at the high school.

## Attendance Policy

- An unexcused absence is an absence or tardy that is not approved by the coach or that does not result from an illness or emergency.
- If you cannot be at a practice or a game, please communicate that as soon as possible. You should update TeamSnap and include an “Availability Note” that provides details on the reason for the absence. (NOTE: If you mark yourself as “unavailable” in TeamSnap and do not include a reason, it will be considered an unexcused absence.)
- An excused absence or tardy is one where the coach is aware of and approves the absence or tardy before a game or practice.
- Examples of an excused absence are family emergency or illness.
- Work is not an excused absence. We realize that many athletes have jobs, but to develop a successful program everyone will need to plan their work schedules around soccer practice and games.
- Missing practices can result in loss of playing time and will impact your grade.
- Note: Attendance is required after an injury. An injured player will not participate until cleared by doctors and/or trainers. All athletes are different and have different situations. The coaching staff reserves the right to handle each situation as we deem appropriate and fair to that athlete.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Coach Marshall at [eric.marshall@jenksps.org](mailto:eric.marshall@jenksps.org)

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