

Vallivue High School Soccer Coach/Player/Parent Contract

The purpose of this contract is to better our program and that The Coaching Staff /Players/Parents are involved in building a successful soccer program. This contract is designed to set up clear expectations for all. **Please read these rules carefully so that both you and your parents understand what is expected of you.**

This contract does not supersede any VHS governing rules; it's a supplement to the girl's soccer program

VHS School Day:

1. Athletes must abide by the Vallivue School District Code of conduct found in the student agenda, that is handed out to EVERY student at the beginning of the school year. The student hand book can be found online on Vallivue High School website home page.
2. Athletes should uphold the standards set by the coaching staff and parents to be respectful to faculty and staff, treat peers with kindness and integrity, and to be responsible in their academic standards.
3. As VHS Soccer player, we ask all student/athletes use social media appropriately. Any sort of online bullying will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action. (This includes conversations about current and previous players, players from other teams.)

Soccer Practice Rules:

As a participant in the VHS Girls Soccer Program, athletes should be committed and dedicated to attending practices and games. They should understand that their participation is a privilege, and not an entitlement, and that they have a responsibility to their fellow teammates in for the season, and even more importantly during the season.

Attendance, consistent focus and positive effort at all practices and games demonstrate your commitment to the team.

1. Failing to report to practice, reporting late to practice, or leaving early from practice without a valid excuse*, will be count as an unexcused absence. Two (2) unexcused absences will result in a suspension from one (1) game.
*to discern status from an absence, the coaching staff will use a note from a teacher or parent stating reason of absence. Also, academic assistance for tests, home work or projects that have been permission by the coaching staff will be recognized. (*See Academic Section*)
2. Every athlete must be involved in the cleanup and maintenance of our field. Skipping out early to avoid these responsibilities will result in disciplinary actions. Multiple offenses will result in game suspensions.

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3. Each athlete must be dressed in appropriate practice gear, T-shirts, gym shorts, shin guards, Soccer Cleats, Running Shoes, Sports bra and **no jewelry**. Inappropriate dress results in team accountability.
4. All athletes and parents will show respect for their teammates, parents, and the coaching staff. Failure to do so will result in removal from practice/game. This is a three-strike policy. A third strike will result in the player's removal from the team.
5. All injured athletes are required to have an action plan with the Vallivue High School athletic trainer and may not return to play until cleared by the athletic trainer or Doctor. Injured athletes are still accountable for their practice attendance. (If the athlete is under home care they are not required to attend.)
6. **Idaho Soccer Club attire is NOT permitted.** This does not include professional, college or national teams (I.E. USA, England, Mexico, Brazil etc...)
7. Soccer practices are closed to friends & parents. The coaching staff reserves the right to invite a 3rd party for the benefit of the team or to expand their knowledge.
8. **No spots are set in stone.** The coaching staff reserves the right to move and change the roster at any time, giving the opportunity for advancement and development.
9. Once your tryout begins, you're ineligible to play club soccer. In doing so, this will result in immediately dismissal and potential repercussions on the team and school due to these actions. (This rule is clearly defined in the IHAA handbook)

Soccer Game Rule:

1. All members of the team must ride the bus to and from all away games for which one is provided. The **ONLY** way an athlete may be signed out is by a parent present at the time of departure and athletic director and coaching staff have at least 48hour notice. (email is appropriate) *Notes from parents, siblings, extended family members or family friends **WILL NOT** be accepted as a valid signature. (this is for insurance and security reasons.) ****Injuries excluded****
2. Any athlete who will be late and misses bus ride will not be eligible to play in that game. Once the bus is gone, its gone.
3. Athletes must observe all rules while riding the bus; no load music, no moving from seat to seat. This is a time to focus on the game, use it wisely. *After the game...Party Time*

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4. Each athlete will be responsible for any equipment/uniforms/bags assigned to them. Each kit is to be returned cleaned after season concludes; each non return will be fined and dealt with at the AD/high school level. Any awards will be held until kit is returned.
5. Athletes must respect the integrity of the game; this includes the judgment of game officials. There will be no contact between players and refs unless they are the captain, who speaks for the team.
6. **Playing time, playing positions and substitutions, are determined by coaches and non negotiable.** Only exception of the rule will be while playing JV, this is a developmental squad and time split equally to prepare them. Some athletes (swing players) may play between both squads (JV and Varsity)
 - a. *It is our goal to place the responsibility in the hands of the athlete to discuss any playing time, playing level, or playing position issues that she might have with her coaches. This is not a parent issue.*
7. Game Day Dress Code:

The athletes are required to wear their game day polo's to school. No shorts, skirt or anything that violates the VHS dress code will not be excitable. If the athlete violates the dress code: 1st offence Warning. 2nd offence "To The Fence" 3rd Playing Time withheld.

Academic Requirements:

Player soccer for the high school program is a privilege and athletes must abide by VHS student athlete academic requirements. Our program has a saying: "family-school-soccer". This means family comes first, then school, and finally soccer. It is important that we not only create athletes but student-athletes.

1. Coaches must follow academic requirements and enforce any infractions. Coaches will be provided grade reports and attendance checks to ensure rule are being followed. Any discrepancies will be the responsibility of each student/athlete.
2. All athletes are subject to the "Falcon Focus" study hall after school if their academic performance is not meeting team expectations. Students may not use this as a time to get out of practice.
3. All of our athletes are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.2. A GPA of 2.2 is the college standard of the NCAA and will help keep the athlete accountable for their academic standing. Coaches will keep in touch with faculty and staff to maintain student athlete success.

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Conflict Resolution:

1. A coach and parent conference can occur if a situation or circumstance concerning a student/athlete arises.
 - *Playing time, squad selections, playing positions are not appropriate discussion.
 - a. Conferences will not happen before, during or after games/practices
 - b. You **Must** contact the Head Coach to set up a meeting off hours.
 - i. The athletic director will be present at all coach/parent meetings.

Family Expectations:

A family commitment is not only restricted to their own, but it's a commitment to ALL of the athletes and their families. It's imperative that we have appropriate behavior; we all represent VHS community during home/away games.

1. Our expectations from family is too keep a positive and encouraging atmosphere for our athletes here at VHS. The integrity of the game of soccer and the attitudes on and off the pitch is the responsibility of not only the caching staff and athletes but the spectators and family who are supporting both teams.
2. Failure to act in an appropriate manner may result in being removed from the game and possible punishment depending on degree of infraction.
3. Family members are encouraged to attend games and be supportive.
 - a. You are asked to participate as spectators and not coaches or refs.
 - b. You are asked to refrain from inappropriately commentary.
 - c. We encourage positive and uplifting sportsmanship.
 - d. Side line comments to the opposing teams fans should are not tolerated by Vallivue Athletics.
4. Please be prompt in picking up your child after practices/games. Coaches can't leave your child unattended. (the coaching staff have families to get home to, so please be respectful)

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Coaches Expectations:

The coaching staff here at VHS are committed to creating a team atmosphere, never place value of winning over the safety and welfare of each athlete. We shall instruct athletes to play within the rule of the game and play within the spirit of the game at all times. The coaching staff will not seek unfair advantages by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behaviors towards players. The coaching staff shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation. We will never place extensive demands of athletes as to interfere with academic goals or progress. The coaching staff will direct athletes to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the Trainer/physicians instructions regarding treatment and recovery.

Student/Athlete _____	Date _____
Parent or Guardian _____	Date _____
Coach _____	Date _____
Coach _____	Date _____