

BOYS SOCCER TEAM RULES

Philosophy: The boys soccer program at Spring Lake Park/St. Anthony High Schools is concerned with the growth and development of all participants, as athletes and as human beings.

The goals of this program include:

1. Development of personal integrity, good sportsmanship, and a sense of commitment to task and team.
2. Development of skills and strategies particular to the sport of soccer, as well as a positive approach to athletic competition.
3. Development of a competitive spirit and lifelong interest in the maintenance of physical fitness.

Membership: The varsity squad will consist of the top 16-20 soccer players, grades 9-12 at Spring Lake Park/St Anthony High Schools. All prospective players will be evaluated (in terms of skill level and ability) in the first days of practice and then continually through the rest of the season. Players may be moved between varsity and junior varsity throughout the season.

There are 4 levels of boys soccer teams. The "C" level squad consists of boys in grades 7th -9th, the "B" level squad consists of 9th & 10th graders, and the "JV" and "Varsity" squads consists of 9th-12th graders.

Dress Code: All participants in Spring Lake Park/St Anthony Soccer Program will wear uniform game attire in compliance with Minnesota State High School League rules. This precludes the wearing of undergarments that extend beyond the length of the uniform shorts and shirts - unless otherwise approved by the coaching staff. It should also be noted that, in accordance with league rules, players are not to wear headbands, jewelry, etc. Any player who fails to comply with established dress codes will forfeit his opportunity to play in that day's contest.

Conduct/Language/Respect: Participants in this soccer program are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects this program's philosophy. The following rules apply to practice and game/field situations.

1. Verbal or physical abuse of teammates, opponents or officials will not be tolerated. Use of offensive/abusive language or abusive behavior will result in the suspension of a player until a full review of the situation can be made.
2. Verbal or physical abuse of a coach will result in termination from the squad.

Attendance: Varsity soccer candidates are required to attend the twice-daily practice sessions that begin the soccer season. Players who miss these practices (due to family vacations, etc.) will not be considered when the varsity squad is selected, and will be placed on the junior varsity team until the coaching staff has an opportunity to assess the skills and conditioning of those players who missed these early sessions. Varsity players are required to attend all practice sessions throughout the season.

Attendance, continued: All players are expected to be on time and to attend all practices and games. If possible, players should receive prior consent from their coach for anticipated tardiness or absence. Players who are tardy or absent from practice or games without prior consent will be dealt with on an individual basis by his coach.

Players will not be excused from practice or games in order to meet employment obligations. The coaching staff recommends that student athletes refrain from holding part-time or full-time jobs during the soccer season.

Disciplinary Detention/Academic Tutoring: A player who misses a practice because he has been assigned to after-school detention will be suspended for the next scheduled contest. Absence or tardiness due to academic tutoring will be excused provided the player has secured the consent of his coach.

Curfew: A player who violates a team curfew will be suspended for one game; repeat offenders will be terminated from the squad. The coaching staff will present curfew times during the season.

Team Rapport: A player whose attitude, manner, or behavior proves to be a detriment to the team will be apprised of the situation by the coaching staff. A plan will be devised to remedy the situation. Should repeated intervention be required or proves to net unsatisfactory results, the player in question may be suspended from the team, pending a meeting with the coaching staff, the athlete, and the athlete's parents.

Sub-Varsity: All team rules herein stated apply to all levels of the Spring Lake Park/St Anthony Boys Soccer Program.

Uniforms/Equipment: All uniforms and equipment including warm ups are property of Spring Lake Park/St Anthony Athletic Department and must be returned in the same condition they were received. Normal wear is expected. Uniforms/warm ups are not to be worn for practices. Player borrowing a soccer ball for the season does so with the understanding it will be returned or replaced if lost. All equipment will be cleaned and returned within one week after the player's final game.

Coaches Availability: Team members or parents who wish to communicate with the coach regarding specific concerns should contact him at jds Mothers@gmail.com to schedule a meeting. Parents may also leave messages for the coaches at the high school athletic office . The coach will return parents' calls at his earliest convenience.

We have read the above and understand that compliance is required as a member of Spring Lake Park /St Anthony Boys Soccer Team.

Athlete: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____