

# BROOKINGS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER EXPECTATIONS

## (May, 2010)

### 1) Brookings High School Soccer Overview

The Brookings High School Soccer program is recognized as a “club” sports program by the Brookings School District. The BHS Soccer program does not receive funding from the School District. The program is privately funded by program sponsors and the parents of the student-athletes.

The BHS Soccer program sponsors varsity and junior varsity competition for both boys and girls. The program has a “no-cut” policy. Any eligible student-athlete who registers for the program will be placed on a roster and become a part of the team. The primary goals of the varsity program are to be competitive and earn a berth at the State Tournament. The primary goal of the junior varsity program is to develop players for future varsity play.

### 2) Rosters

State rules allow each team to roster up to 25 players. Some players may appear on both the junior varsity and the varsity roster. Seniors will be placed on the varsity roster, only. In the event that there are more than 50 registrants for either the boys’ or girls’ programs, decisions regarding which players are on the active roster for a given game will be at the sole discretion of the coaching staff.

### 3) Playing Time

By registering for the BHS Soccer Program, the student-athlete becomes a member of a team. Each student-athlete receives the opportunity to attend practices in order to improve skills and compete for playing time. Participants are not guaranteed any playing time. Playing time will be determined at the sole discretion of the coaching staff, based upon skills, effort, and attitude displayed at practices and previous games.

### 4) Participation

Each participant is expected to attend all practices and games. Illnesses, family emergencies, and medical appointments will be accepted as excused absences. In the event that a student-athlete participates in more than one activity (ex: marching band, football, cross-country, etc.), the participant may be excused from a soccer practice or game in order to attend an official competition for the other activity. All other absences are unexcused and subject to disciplinary action as described in section 7) ENFORCEMENT OF PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT (below). Injured participants are expected to attend all practices and home games, unless absence is necessary for treatment of the injury. Travel to away games by injured participants is allowed, but not required. Multi-day consecutive absences may be grouped as a single unexcused absence with preapproval from the head coach. Coach must be notified 30 days ahead of absence.

### 5) Start Date & Participation Requirements

All participants must attend a minimum of 10 try-out/practice sessions before they will be allowed to participate in a game. Excused absences do not count towards the 10 session requirement.

## 6) Players Code of Conduct

1. Player participation is a privilege, rather than a right.
2. Players who exercise this privilege will be held to high standards of behavior.
3. The use or possession of tobacco, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol will not be allowed or tolerated.
4. Illegal activity of any kind is prohibited.
5. Good sportsmanship is required at all times.
6. Profanity of any form will not be tolerated, on or off the field.
7. Criticism of officials or team members will not be allowed.
8. Courtesy will be shown to other team players, officials, coaches and fans at all times.
9. Attendance at and being on time for every practice and game is mandatory, unless such absence is excused, as described in section 4) PARTICIPATION (above).
10. Maintaining a healthy physical condition and mental attitude to the best of the participant's ability is required.
11. Team play is required at all times.
12. Players will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times, because they represent themselves, their team, their coach and their city.
13. Any player ejected by an official may not practice or play game(s) until the coach has given the player permission to return.

## 7) Enforcement of Players Code of Conduct

Minor violations will be handled by the coaching staff. Major violations will be brought before the Brookings High School Soccer Committee. If necessary the Committee will appoint a Discipline Committee to investigate the situation. The Discipline Committee shall conduct a prompt and fair hearing to hear such matters. The decision of the Discipline Committee will be final. Legal violations are governed by the Brookings High School Activities Director.

- The first unexcused absence from practice will result in the player sitting out the first half of the next scheduled game.
- The second unexcused absence from practice will result in the player sitting out the next scheduled game in its entirety.
- The first unexcused absence from a game will result in the player sitting out the next scheduled game in its entirety.
- The third unexcused absence from practice or second unexcused absence from a game is considered to be a major violation and will be referred to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

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Participant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Head Coach Signature

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Print Participant Name

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Print Parent/Guardian Name

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Print Head Coach Name