

Mercer Island High School Boys Soccer Code of Conduct

Players must adhere to the conduct policies set forth by the WIAA and the MIHS Athletic Code of conduct. Coaches support the administration in enforcement, and will report any known violations to the athletic administration. Players must also follow the boys soccer program code of conduct, which is found below.

ABSENCES:

Any absence from a practice or game, excused or unexcused, has a direct impact on playing time, and could constitute losing a starting spot indefinitely if the new starter comes into form. The guideline below provides transparency into what constitutes an excused or unexcused absence, and how consequences are implemented.

Excused absence:

- A grade impacting school conflict that cannot be rescheduled.
Example: A band or orchestra concert.
- An official college visit from a legitimate potential college playing opportunity, where an alternate date cannot be scheduled.
NOT a general letter of invitation to an I.D. camp
- A family related emergency, or once in a lifetime special event.
NOT a vacation
- Illness, treatment for an injury, or a doctor's appointment that applies to either.
- A religious holiday or ceremony

*Excused absences that are known by families in advance must be coach approved, and need to be communicated before the first day of tryouts. More emergency based excused absences should be communicated and approved by your specific head coach by noon of that day, or as soon as possible.

Unexcused absence:

- Any other absence

Missing a game for an excused absence: The player may see reduced minutes the following game. If the player is a starter, he will not start the next game back.

Missing a practice for an excused absence: At the coaches discretion the player may lose his starting spot or see reduced minutes the following game, and be required to do extra fitness work.

Missing a practice or game for an unexcused absence: The player will be benched for the following game. The player will do fitness work the day of the benched game to replicate the running missed during competition. After the 3rd unexcused absence, the player is subject to removal from the team.

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Punctuality:

Any late arrival for a practice or game that falls under the same category as an excused absence must be communicated and approved by your coach at least 3 hours before the start of practice. Emergencies should be communicated by email, text, or phone call as soon as possible.

Consequence for an excused or unexcused late arrival to a game: Loss of a starting spot, and/or reduced minutes that game. Consequences for repeat violations will increase.

Consequence for an unexcused late arrival to a practice: The player will do fitness work at the discretion of his coach. Consequences for repeat violations will increase. At the coaches discretion the entire team may be subject to fitness exercises for a player being late to practice.

Practice Gear:

Players are required to either wear an official black colored shirt, or a non branded black shirt to practice. Official training shirts can be purchased on the boys soccer online flash store. Varsity and JV players are required to wear their school issued warm up pants, jackets, and rain jackets if they are training in layers. Adidas, or other sports branded gloves and hats are allowed, but club logos should not be worn during high school practice. Additional training gear can be purchased on the boys soccer online flash store.

*Players wearing incorrect training gear may do fitness work at their coaches discretion. Consequences for repeat violations will increase.

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