

2012 WESTBROOK SOCCER GUIDELINES

The goal of the Westbrook Christian School Soccer Program is to provide students an opportunity to **glorify God** through the development and exercise of personal character, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and athletic ability. The players are encouraged to do their best and to learn the vital life skill of being a team player. In victory or defeat, students learn to demonstrate both grace and dignity. In order to achieve this goal, it is necessary to lay out a framework of guidelines which serve to direct both coaches and players toward this goal. An **agreement on the part of student athletes, coaches, and parents to honor these guidelines is a prerequisite to participation in the soccer program.**

Sportsmanship and Respect for Others

Good sportsmanship is expected of **everyone** involved in athletics at Westbrook Christian School. **Coaches, players and fans** are to consistently demonstrate a commitment to fair play, respect for opponents and **officials**, and are to approach athletics with integrity and a concern for our witness, as well as a concern for the reputation of WCS. **We expect everyone representing WCS in any way to treat other players, coaches, officials, and fans with respect, showing courtesy and hospitality at all times.**

Commitment To Team

Student athletes are **expected to make a commitment to the team, their teammates, and coaches** when they elect to participate in the WCS soccer program. Their obligation and commitment to the team and coaches will be fulfilled in the following ways:

- a) Players should have fun and play with enthusiasm for the game!
- b) Players must be TEAM oriented: play with maximum effort, display a positive/unselfish attitude, and always encourage teammates!

- c) Practice and game schedules shall be met faithfully and punctually. (There will be consequences for unexcused absences from practice, including additional conditioning upon return and loss of playing time.)
- d) Players are expected to report any injury immediately to their coach.
- e) Players are expected to take personal responsibility for their own fitness, skills development, nutrition, and rest/recovery.
- f) Players are expected to take care of their academic responsibilities.

Playing Time

Determination of playing time, is based on a number of factors, such as: **performance and skill in both practice and in games, tactical needs in a game, fitness, work ethic and attitude.** Playing time is determined **solely by the coaching staff.** We cannot allow the opinion of players or parents to influence the amount of playing time a player will get.

Parent Involvement

We feel that the parent involvement and support of the WCS Soccer Program will be fundamental to the success of our program. The interest that parents show in their daughters can help them to develop a positive self esteem and inspire them to reach their highest goals. Please remember to praise and encourage your daughters as they meet the many challenges of competition.

Communication

We ask all parents to wait at least 24 hours before speaking to any coach about matters related to game decisions. We ask parents to abide by the following procedure when questioning a coach:

1. Wait at least 24 hours
2. Set up an appointment
3. If at all possible, meet face-to-face per Matthew 18: 15
4. Be respectful and courteous

If the need arises to have a discussion with a coach, the **discussion must be limited to your student-athlete.**

In meeting with any coach, please understand that **playing time, and/or other players will never be topics open to discussion.**

In general, we urge parents to maintain a positive and encouraging environment. **Gossip, grumbling, and negativity are like cancers in a team setting.**

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Team Commitment: Please sign and return

I have read the 2011 Soccer Guidelines, and understand the commitment I am making to Westbrook Soccer. I commit to be the best teammate (or team Parent) I can be.

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Player: _____ Date: _____