



Deer Park Soccer Program Player Contract

Someone once said, "communication is a miracle at best". Someone else said, "a little bit of information about a subject can be dangerous!" If these two statements were true, even half of the time, it would be wise to give them some attention. Thus, the motive of this communication. It is of high priority to Coach Jerry Hurtado and the coaching staff of Deer Park High School to communicate clearly and effectively to student athletes and their parents, the purposes, goals, expectations, and philosophies of the Deer Park Soccer Program. We believe that this communication and contract will enable the "student-athlete, parent, coach, and team to function in a way that can only produce success and pursue excellence. It is our strong hope that these dynamics will give each young man a positive and successful high school soccer experience."

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the soccer program is to provide the student-athlete with an instructional soccer experience consistent with the standards set by Deer Park High School and the Deer Park Independent School District. Our program does not exist to be a "feeder" system to college. We exist to add to the educational experience. All goals, expectations, and philosophies will be derived from our purpose.

II. EXPECTATIONS AND PHILOSOPHIES

1. Consistent with school and district policy, any use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs will result in IMMEDIATE dismissal from the soccer program. These abuses dull the senses; the same senses used to play the sport of soccer.
2. There is to be no jewelry worn during practices, games or any other time the student-athlete is representing Deer Park High School soccer. This does include earrings.
3. Hair must be worn at an appropriate length (above the ears) and facial hair is not permitted.
4. At no time is profanity consistent with the Deer Park soccer program. If a student-athlete cannot control his tongue, we question his ability to control the rest of his emotions.
5. The locker room is a place to dress and get ready for practice and back to class. It is not a place for socializing, horseplay and phone usage in any way. Having a locker is a privilege and can be taken away when the player does not adhere to standards.
6. Punctuality to practices and games is an absolute. If a student-athlete is not on time, we believe that they are not ready to perform. This means that players are expected 7 minutes after tardy bell to be on the line ready to go during athletic period. Players should be dressed and on the field warming up by 4:15 after school. If there is an appropriate reason such as a doctor's visit, sickness etc., the coaches must be notified prior and arrangements should be made for what will be missed at practice. You may leave a message at 832-668-7243 ext.3 by 10:30am the day practice will be missed.
7. Student-athletes are expected to dress in a neat, clean, and professional manner at all times when representing the Deer Park soccer program. This includes practice attire, game uniform, dressing for road trips and possibly dressing for school on specific game days. This may include ties and most certainly excludes bandanas, saggy pants and other inappropriate dress while representing Deer Park.
8. All players in the soccer program are expected to take care of THEIR field. This will include assigned duties, field maintenance, trash detail, equipment responsibilities and other assignments deemed necessary by the coaches.
9. Playing time, positions and team placement are NOT negotiable issues. No one wants to put the best eleven out on the field more than the coaches do. While communication with the student-athlete concerning roles and position on the team will occur, justification of these will not.
10. A coach and parent conference can occur if a situation or circumstance concerning a student-athlete arises. The items listed in number 9 are not appropriate discussion issues between coaches and parents.

11. Discipline may be administered on the soccer field for behavior that occurs during the school day. To do otherwise would not be consistent with our purpose. What happens during the school day does matter!
12. Student-athletes are expected to remain eligible throughout the soccer season and the school year. The coaches reserve the right to dismiss, take away playing time and/or discipline any student-athlete who does not take care of business in the classroom.
13. A student-athlete is issued a uniform only after their role on the team has been communicated by the coaches. If the student-athlete does not accept the role after receiving the uniform, the coaches reserve the right to dismiss the student-athlete.
14. **ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!** Student-athletes are expected to maintain and demonstrate a positive, team oriented, teachable and coachable attitude THROUGHOUT the soccer season. Any behavior less than this may result in discipline, lack of playing time, suspension or dismissal from the program.
15. Student-athletes must arrive and return as a team in district transportation when going to all road games.
16. Student-athletes are expected to HUSTLE at all times while on the soccer field. This includes workouts and games. This includes running on and off the field. Discipline may occur for not hustling.
17. A student-athlete must be cleared by a trainer before returning to workouts after a major injury. They are required to seek treatment before school for any injury that may keep them out. If player does not seek treatment, player does not sit out. If player goes to a physician, the release must come from physician.
18. It is not the coaches' responsibility to get players college scholarships. The coaches have limited control over these decisions. We will help provide a pathway but player must provide the time and dedication needed to do it.
19. When the coaches are asked to evaluate a soccer player by a college, a no less than objective and honest evaluation will be given.
20. It is important that players understand that any comment or action on social media can directly affect his future with the team. Pictures of players doing drugs or alcohol will result in dismissal from the program. Comments made on social media deemed hurtful to the team can result in dismissal.
21. Bullying in any form is not acceptable in any form. The result will be dismissal from the program and is subject to school discipline.

Any violation of these purposes, goals, expectation, and philosophies, could result in discipline, lack of playing time, suspension and/or dismissal from the program.

Again, the purpose and motive of this contract is to communicate clearly and effectively the purposes, goals, expectations, perspectives, and philosophies of the Deer Park soccer program. This is intended to be positive. It shall facilitate the dynamics between players, parents, and coaches in an effort to make this year a success for all involved, especially our student-athletes. Jerry Hurtado and the coaching staff of Deer Park ask each player and parent to join us in making this commitment to pursue excellence and have the climate for a successful year. We ask each player and parent to read and sign below if you are willing to make this commitment with us.

I have read and understand the player, parent, and coach's contract for the 2017 soccer season. I agree to commit to its intended purpose and to support, follow, and encourage the goals, expectations, perspectives, and philosophies contained in this contract. I realize my important role on the team and will work diligently to perform it.

Player (Printed Name)

Player (Signature)

Date

Parent (Printed Name)

Parent (Signature)

Date