



## Player Responsibility

- Maintain your grades throughout the season. Failure to do so will result in athletic ineligibility as per Daniel Boone High School (DBHS) and PIAA policy. Dismissal from the team can occur if the head coach determines you are not making a concerted effort to maintain your grades. Please see the DBHS guidelines for academic eligibility.
- Attend and be on time to practices and games.
- If you miss the practice before a match, you are not eligible to participate unless the head coach, PRIOR to the absence, approves the absence.
- Any absence from practice requires a written note stating the player's name, reason for the absence, date and signature of the parent/guardian. The note must be brought to the following team event (practice or game). An injured player is still responsible for attending practice unless he is incapable of walking to the field or the illness makes going outside detrimental to the health and recovery of the player. If the player has not been examined by a doctor the player must make it his responsibility to see the trainer and notify the coaching staff of the injury.
- The following will be considered as acceptable absences:
  - an appointment to see a physician for a verifiable medical condition or injury
  - school related activity or academic event (tutoring, scholastic competitions for example)
  - family emergencies
  - legitimate religious commitment
- All other absences will be considered unacceptable and may result in team suspension and possible dismissal from the team after 3 occurrences.
- Each player is financially responsible for all issued equipment including team soccer balls and uniforms.
- All issued equipment must be returned at the end of the season or upon the termination of the player from the team. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of awards and nominations for postseason team honors and the school administration will be notified for further action.
- Students will travel to and from all athletic events on the transportation provided by the Daniel Boone School District. Exception: A student may be excused from using the school transportation if a note from the student's parent or guardian (not brother, sister or relative) is presented to the athletic director twenty four (24) hours prior to the scheduled activity, and that the parent or guardian picks the player up at the completion of the event. In either case, the parent/guardian must present himself to the coach in charge. In cases of emergency, the coach may make similar decisions at the event and must secure a note from the parent/guardian, given to the athletic director upon return.
- All team members must follow all policies related to alcohol, tobacco and the use of other controlled/regulated substances. Any violation in this area will covered in the Athletic Policies handbook.

**All Daniel Boone High School athletic and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) policies apply as outlined in the student handbook and policy manuals.**

## Practice and Game Responsibility

- Be on the field, properly dressed, ready to warm-up-up and stretch at least 45 minutes prior to announced game starting time or a designated time as specified by the coach. When varsity games follow JV games, Varsity players must arrive by the start of the JV game.
- No jewelry of any kind can be worn at games or practices.
- Each player should have the following items for each practice:
  - shin guards and soccer socks that cover the entire shin guard.
  - White or grey shirt and soccer shorts
  - sneakers suitable for running
  - sneakers suitable for indoor gyms (these could be the same pair)
  - water bottle filled with water
  - the assigned regulation, size 5 soccer ball with an appropriate amount of air
  - keepers must have gloves and it is recommended to have knee pads and keeper pants
  - keepers may wear a soft brimmed baseball hat or visor
- Each player should have the following items for each game:
  - uniforms consisting of the school issued white and blue shirt, navy blue soccer shorts, white and navy blue soccer socks.
  - sweats or warm-ups for cold weather
  - hats are only acceptable for cold weather (keepers may wear a soft brimmed hat or visor)
  - WHITE turtle necks, mock turtle necks or long sleeve t-shirts may be worn underneath the team jersey (no exposed print)
  - anything worn under the team shorts may not be visible or extended below the leg of the shorts
  - skids, sliding pants or compression shorts may be visible but MUST be navy blue
- You must be in school by 9:30 A.M. on the day of an activity or the last school day prior to an event in order to participate. Under these conditions a player is still required to attend a game or practice even though they are not eligible to participate.



### Injuries and Medical Treatment

- Report all injuries to the coaches immediately and seek medical evaluation/treatment from the school trainer when directed to do so by the coaching staff. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the team.
- The head coach or the school trainer may remove a player from a practice or game if the injury is considered dangerous to the player or even if the injury has the potential to create a more serious condition. Even if the player states that he is OK the school trainer or head coach can remove the player from a game or practice.
- Any player rendered unconscious may not play or practice until the head coach receives a letter of clearance from a physician or certified trainer. The physician and parents must sign the letter. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- A player must produce a note from a physician if they have been excused from practice or games due to injury.
- Any player that misses school due to an injury or illness must submit a letter of excuse from their parent/guardian. The injury or illness must be brought to the attention of the school trainer when the player returns to soccer activities.

### Team and Player Conduct – on and off the Field of Play

- Follow all team, school, league and PIAA rules, laws and policies. Remember that during a PIAA season, the DBHS school team is considered to be your primary team.
- Represent DBHS with class and dignity on and off the field.
- While in uniform sportsmanship is essential.
- No profane or derogatory language.
- Displays of undignified behavior, dissent or unsportsman-like conduct will result in a player suspension and possible dismissal from the team. In such an event the DBHS principle and your parent/guardian will be notified.
- Inappropriate game conduct has the following consequences:
  - Yellow cards: You must leave the field as per PIAA rules. It is up to the coaching staff on whether you may return to the game.
  - Soft Red cards: You are dismissed from the game and you may be replaced with substitute. It is up to the coaching staff on whether you may return play in the next game.
  - Hard Red cards: You are dismissed from the game and you may NOT be replaced with substitute. Depending on the nature of the incident the player may be required to miss 1 or more games.
- While in uniform (practice and games) the following is unacceptable behavior and may result in team suspension or removal:
  - taunting
  - dirty play
  - intent to harm another player
  - unsportsman-like conduct towards the official no matter what the situation
  - disrespectful gestures, language or conduct towards a coach, teammate, referee or opposing player
- When not participating in a drill or when on the sideline during a game each player may only contribute positive comments towards his teammates. Abusive talk towards a teammate or opposing player may result in player suspension. This time is to be used to analyze the game or drill so that you are prepared when your time comes to participate.
- Food is not permitted on or around the bench before or during matches or during practices unless required for medical reasons (in which case a note from a physician is required).
- Non-team members are not permitted in the bench area before or during matches or practices. No exceptions.
- All players are expected to remain in the bench area for the duration of the match.
- Any player may be asked to serve as ball runner for Varsity or Junior Varsity games. Refusal to do so will result in suspension from the team.

In situations not specifically addressed above, the Head Coach will make a decision as to punishment based on School policy and the "good of team morale", and this decision will be final.

This is **NOT** a contract. Parents and players should read carefully understand the rules and expectations of the DBHS Boys Soccer team members.