



Poudre High School 2023 Boys Soccer Program

Welcome

Welcome to a new season of Poudre Soccer. We are excited about our current teams and the players in our program. Please use this handbook for information on our program and how to get involved in assisting for a successful season.

Please hang on to this document since it will be a good reference for the season. We also encourage all players/families to visit <http://poudresoccer.weebly.com> for current schedule information and team updates. Schedules are updated at [http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/poudre-impalas-\(fort-collins,co\)/soccer/home.htm](http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/poudre-impalas-(fort-collins,co)/soccer/home.htm) for league standings and for playoff seeding purposes (try not to get addicted).

Please help volunteer with some of our needs. We encourage working together and forming smaller groups to tackle the tasks we set out to accomplish. What we have learned over the years is that volunteering our time and effort pays large dividends in improving the soccer experience of the players.

Volunteer needs:

- Away game meals coordinator – order, pick up and drop off meals for away games
 - Contact Coach Scalf for specific information as district finance has set up strict rules
 - TBA
- Team Dinner coordinator – arrange host families and food signups
 - TBA
- End of season banquet coordinator – assist with decorations, gifts, arrangements, food, etc.
 - TBA
- Senior night coordinator – arrange decorations, gifts, announcements, etc.
 - TBA
- Team photographer/Video– Has equipment, attend SOME matches of all levels to shoot
 - TBA
- End of season slide/video show – Use images and video to create end of season show
 - TBA

Coach's Statement

PHS Boys Soccer Fall 2023

Head Coach: Austin Scalf
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Remind – text @ascalf7 to 81010

All information on games, schedules, any updates, etc. will be posted on the website.

Priorities:

Family
School
Soccer

Studies:

Grades will be checked every Thursday with a report given to coaches. If a player has 2 or more failing grades, they have until Monday at noon to provide notes from teachers saying they have a passing grade in those classes. Notes are to be given to Mrs. Niesent in the Front Office. This is the players responsibility, not the coaches. All classes count for eligibility, including advisory. Program requirement: if a student has one failing grade, the note must be turned into their direct coach.

Drugs & Alcohol:

Drug & alcohol use will not be tolerated at any time during, not only, the season but also the entire school year. Poudre School District (PSD) has outlined the punishments for violations of the Drug & Alcohol policy. For more information on the exact suspensions, see the coaches or contact the athletic office for a brochure. After a suspension is served, that player will not automatically be allowed to play in games or even return to the team. The coaching staff retains the right to decide if and when the player may play in games or rejoin the team.

Practice Times (non-match days):

Monday – Thursday 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Practices:

It is expected that players are in attendance and on-time to practice. If a player is late to practice, an excuse from a parent or teacher is needed. Practice starts at 4:30 and players are expected to arrive early to help set-up field equipment.

Matches/Bus:

Players will arrive 1 hour before the start of any home match. For away games, players must be at the bus at the specified time. The bus will NOT wait for late players and will meet players at the West Entrance by the Main Gym at PHS. Appropriate behavior is expected on buses, at home/away games, and practices. Players may not leave the bus West Entrance after an away game until the bus is clean, all Poudre soccer equipment is off the bus, and the coach has released us.

Equipment:

All players will be responsible for their own equipment. Every player will receive a team uniform. As part of the team fee, royal blue pair of socks and a white pair of socks. Any player failing to turn in equipment or brings in DIRTY equipment will be fined. Normal wear and tear will not be fined.

Equipment Replacement Fees:

Jersey	\$45
Short	\$25
Warm-up Jacket	\$40
Warm-up Pants	\$40
Bag	\$40
Cleaning Fee	\$10

Playing Time:**JV/C –**

Every player will play in each game, however playing time will vary.

Varsity –

Players are not guaranteed any playing time and playing time will vary.

For any playing time issues, please address this with your specific coach. It is expected that the player first addresses this with the coach. If further discussion is needed, then coaches will discuss this with parents and the athletic director. It is encouraged that players advocate for themselves in this situation and use questions that are specific to their situation, not the situation of other players.

If a conversation is needed beyond the initial player conversation, I am happy to talk to parents as well, however the player needs also to be present.

Fees:

Away-Game Meals	\$50 (\$10 each)
Practice Jerseys*	\$0 - \$20 (\$10 each) *discussion based 8/14/23
Socks*	\$0 - \$20 (\$10 each)
Equipment	\$80

*All fees are necessary unless player already has 2 practice jerseys and royal/white socks that match team uniform socks. These fees are not covered by free/reduced-lunch. If your family needs a different plan to pay for this, please contact Coach Scalf.

Varsity Lettering

In order to letter for Poudre High School soccer, athletes need to participate (play) in at least 30% of the games this year or have proven that they are invaluable to the success of our program through intense dedication at practice with a desire to compete and train at the highest possible level.

Excused Absences:

Please inform coaches before practices and games of absences. If a player misses a practice or a game without notifying the coach, the player may incur decreased playing time or if habitual, further punishment from team (such as suspension or expulsion from team).

Leaving early from away games:

Every player must ride back, on the bus, to the school after away games. Do not plan to travel home with parents/friends/family/etc. Exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and at a minimum must be cleared by the coaches, have a signature by the parents, and have been discussed *before* the day of the game. Please do not ask coaches immediately after a game without prior day contact.

Questions or Comments:

If you have any questions or comments, please contact coaches at appropriate times – not immediately before practices or games. If there are any issues after a game, the district asks for a 24 hour period of no-contact.

End of Season Banquet

After the season ends we will recognize the players, managers, and coaches with a post-season banquet. The banquet coordinator will determine and share the date and location of the banquet as soon as possible.

Away-Game Meals

If your son has a dietary restriction, please let the coaches know.

Team Dinners

Team dinners are held throughout the season and are a great way to build team rapport. Team dinners are hosted by a parent and usually with the help of other parents. The dinners are held immediately after practice and team members are responsible for their own transportation (both to and from the dinners). Team dinners are not covered by the booster fee.

These are divided among the different teams (V, JV, and C host different dinners because of size)

See website (under Parents and Boosters) for possible dates.

Player Contract

As a student-athlete on the soccer team at Poudre High School, I have obligations and responsibilities to the team, to my teammates, to the coaches, to the program and the school at large that exceeds the expectations of the general student body population. It is a privilege to be a member of the soccer team and I will show pride in membership through appropriate actions and behaviors.

_____ I agree to fulfill my responsibilities to the team by being on time to all practices, games, meetings, classes and all other related activities.

_____ I understand that academics are a priority along with my commitment to soccer, and I will attend to my schoolwork. I will do my best in the classroom by attending classes, completing assignments and preparing for tests. I understand that it is my responsibility to handle eligibility issues.

_____ I understand the district Drug & Alcohol policy and its consequences as well as possible team consequences. I understand this also applies to vaping or any vaping paraphernalia.

_____ I understand that I am responsible for dealing with personal conflicts on my own. If I have a problem with a teammate or a coaching decision, I will go directly to that person to resolve the conflict. If I am uncomfortable confronting a person directly, I will involve a coach as a mediator. I will not talk to my teammates or the coaching staff or about them in a manner that will degrade them or disrupt team chemistry.

_____ I recognize that every on and off the soccer field action I take, as well as any comment that I make should be in the best interest of my teammates and the team as a whole.

_____ I understand that I may be asked to perform team related duties which may consist of such things as: helping with equipment set up and tear down for games and practices, helping with team bag on road trips, fund raisers, and other similar functions.

_____ I understand that failure to fulfill my responsibilities as a team member may result in a consequence that can include, but is not limited to team participation and dismissal.

_____ I understand the playing policy as well as any playing time expectation as discussed with coaches at the beginning of the season.

By signing this document, I am stating that I have read the aforementioned expectations for membership on the Poudre High School Soccer Team.

Signature: _____ Date: _____