



Prairie Hawks - Girls Soccer 2021 Parents Meeting

Introductions

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- Zach Nacev, Head Varsity Coach - znacev@prairieschool.com

I am thrilled to be taking over this historic program. I've been dedicated to education of young students and athletes for the past 13 years and look forward to working with this group to reach our individual and collective goals. This season will provide unique challenges, but we will work together to overcome them in a safe, challenging, and fun environment. Throughout the season, I will challenge myself, our coaching staff, and our players to focus on the *PROCESS* of the season, rather than on end results. I believe strongly that when you follow an organized plan, set lofty goals, and focus on the moment the *PRODUCTS* will take care of themselves. In surveying the players, each product looks slightly different and our challenge is to help each of us fulfill that potential. I can't wait to get started!

Early Season Training

- April 5-8: 4-6pm Training (4 DAYS)
- April 12-16: 4-6pm Training (5 DAYS)
- Retain 5 Days for Camp Contact Days in the Summer
- April 17-25th: Captain's Practices/Open Gyms (Girls to determine times)
- April 26th: Regular Season Training Begins

Practice - Weekdays 4:00-6:00pm

- Most importantly, be present and on time – missed practice or late arrival will effect game minutes
- **All practices are mandatory** Varsity and JV ***Credit will not be given without full participation**
- Practice will never be cancelled because of weather issues (moves indoors)
- Team members must be in shin guards at all times during practice unless told otherwise
- Team members must have cleats and flats (indoor shoes or running shoes in case practice is moved indoors) at every practice. Cleats are not allowed in the J.A.C.
- Practice is closed to all but team members – parental and classmate support is greatly appreciated but quality practice time requires a distraction free environment

Games

- Team members are expected at the field a **minimum** of 45 min prior to game time unless told otherwise. Tardiness may result in a loss of playing time
- Team members may only wear team warm-ups or other Prairie Soccer attire for pregame warm-ups (per school rules: no club or non-prairie attire)
- **Team members must conduct themselves in a respectful manner during games -** Swearing, abuse toward officials or other negative conduct on the field is not only punishable with a yellow card, but may also draw a suspension
- Playing time will be determined by the coaching staff and will be based upon skill level, attitude and practice attendance. *Coaches will strive to be fair, but there is no "even"*
- Cancellations / make up games (this is possible, but with shortened schedule could be difficult)
- Strength of schedule (DSHA, Catholic Memorial, Tremper to name a few, as well as the usual competitive conference matches)
- Home games vs Away games (travel policies, snacks, returning to school, etc.)
- Sportsmanship: [Parent Conduct & Coaches Conduct](#)

Communication

- Email updates / school mailers / newspaper / website
- Emailed info will be kept to a minimum, and only essential info
- The vast majority of communication will come exclusively from the head coach and will usually contain information for both teams
- Parent volunteers / team parents - Please do not send out group emails without contacting coach
- Cancellations

Coaching Philosophy

- I believe strongly in the power of sports to teach life lessons and offer growth opportunities to those who dedicate themselves to athletics.
- I believe developing patterns of life-long fitness that will benefit players for years to come.
- I believe in pushing each player to reach their full potential through goal setting, dedication, and focused improvement.
- I believe my role is to support players in their development of character, ability, teamwork, and responsibility.
- Different goals within the program, Varsity plays to win while developing competitiveness, character, responsibility communication skills and personal growth. JV develops commitment and skill level, preparation for Varsity competition and building enjoyment of the sport.

General School, Injury, Athletic Code

- ***Academics come first.***
- As members of the Prairie Soccer Program, team members are expected to hold themselves to a high standard. Respect towards teaching staff, administration, coaching staff and parents is expected at all times. Our program goal is a reputation for good kids and good players
- **Decisions, Choices, Responsibility, Ramifications - Team rules may exceed school penalties regarding issues of drugs, alcohol, behavior issues, etc.**
- Physicals and other paperwork **must** be turned in by the first day of tryouts

Prairie Website www.prairieschool.com (follow athletic links)

- [Schedule posted online](#) – please check regularly

Injury Care / season management **this is important given the physical and mental demands on the kids this time of year*

- Zach and Kayla's role
- Communication with AT staff regarding injuries and the goal of keeping athletes ON the field... not off of it.
- Injury prevention, FIFA 11 warm up, flex-bands, and proper dedication to preventing injuries / recovery throughout the season
- Ice, food, hydration and proper *REST!*
- **Recovery** is a large part of season management. If team members are involved in other sports, my hope is that it will be kept to a minimum during the in-season sport. *WIAA rules prevent same sport participation during the season*

Away travel

- Team members are encouraged to secure their own transportation this season, but team buses will be provided. If a player rides the bus to an away event, but wishes to ride home with family, please email me prior to the game regarding this request.
- If different start times occur at away games, both teams will be expected to stay and support each other. Teams will always travel together unless otherwise noted.
- Team members are expected to act responsibly and represent the school at the highest possible standard.

Post Season Award Criteria:

- Major letter awarded to any athlete selected for Varsity during tryouts who remains on Varsity for an entire season, regardless of class or minutes played
- Major letter awarded to any athlete brought up to Varsity *during the regular season* who takes on the role of a regular rostered player
- Late season call ups *after the conclusion of the JV season* will *not* be given a Major letter. Minor and/or Numeral awards given to players on the JV roster

Social Media

- ZERO posting or sharing anything negative involving teammates or members of opposing teams, or taunting following games
- ZERO responding to negative posts from opposing teams or opposing team fans
- What's allowed?; "congrats on a well played game"... **although any posts can open the door for negative conversation or response**

Misc. Items:

- Parent / Coach communication and the 24 hour rule
- Please pick up your team member on time following practice and / or games
- Team Parents
- Fundraisers (Futsal) - TBD
- Colored Socks purchased by team – team members are responsible for providing own **all-white** socks
- Warm up / Team gear purchase opportunities to come

This rules / information sheet contains team specific guidelines focusing on practice, game and team travel information. Team rules involving other student athlete conduct (illegal substances, alcohol, behavioral issues, etc) overlap with the school's policies. The Prairie Soccer Program will follow all school discipline procedures and may add additional team suspension when appropriate. All rules will be enforced by the coaching staff to maintain a disciplined team atmosphere. Each incident or infraction will be judged on an individual basis -"fair but not even" will also apply to each decision. With everyone's help, each rule should be easy to follow and we will enjoy a successful season both on and off the field.

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