

# Huntingdon Area High School Boys' Soccer Team Rules

It is expected that HAHS soccer players will:

1. Athletes must meet, and hopefully will exceed, all academic and attendance requirements per PIAA and HAHS policies.
2. Display outstanding character and sportsmanship.
3. Display proper respect for authority.
4. Display a spirit of cooperation and teamwork.
5. Dress appropriately when representing HAHS.
6. Use appropriate language and act in a manner socially acceptable.
7. Be outstanding citizens.
8. Develop and demonstrate a sense of pride in individual and team effort.  
The TEAM comes first!
9. 3 unexcused absences from practice over the course of the season will subject the offending player to removal from the team. Be on time for practice!
10. Perform to the best of their ability.
11. Work with the coaching staff to establish and to achieve individual and team goals.
12. Adhere to all HAHS, PIAA, and coaching staff policies, rules, and regulations.
13. Reflect credit upon themselves, coaches, parents, school, and community.
14. Athletes must pay, prior to the first pre-season game, the associated fee to play as determined by the HAHS.
15. Athletes must complete all required paperwork and have a physical examination including a concussion baseline test prior to participating in the first practice session.
16. Athletes are required to complete all homework assigned by the coaching staff prior to the next practice session.
17. Athletes must take HAHS transportation to and from all away games unless extenuating circumstances have been coordinated between the parent and

coach, or the coaching staff decides to relax this rule depending on travel requirements.

18. Athletes must follow all rules of student conduct, and expectations for athletes, as set forth by the PIAA, HAHS, and the coaching staff. Violations of these rules can result in disciplinary action, which could include diminished playing time, limited suspension from the team, or removal from the team.
19. Athletes must be familiar with the HAHS Student Handbook.
20. Athletes will demonstrate a positive and energetic attitude at all practices and games, never condemning other players or staff.
21. Athletes will return equipment belonging to the school when asked.
22. Missing practice time will provide less opportunities for the athlete to develop their skills and less time for the coaching staff to evaluate players. This will most likely result in reduced playing time. Missing practice time during pre-season (the most important preparation time of the season) MUST be made up with a plan developed with the head coach prior to the athlete being able to participate in any and all games.
23. Athletes are responsible for their personal belongings at all times.
24. Playing time is earned, there is no automatic entitlement to playing time. Athletes are, however, entitled to equal training time.
25. Athletes understand that playing for the HAHS Bearcat soccer team is a privilege and requires commitment.
26. Varsity athletes must attend all Junior Varsity games, sit together as a team, and provide positive encouragement.
27. Junior Varsity athletes must attend all Varsity games for which there will also be a JV game, sit together as a team, and provide positive encouragement. JV athletes are encouraged to attend all Varsity events where there is a JV game or not, and transportation will be provided. JV athletes will be required to attend any league, district, and state playoff games that the varsity participates in. The JV season ends when the varsity plays its last game of the season and is officially done

for the season. ALL JV players are expected to attend practice until the season is officially over.

28. Missing practice without permission of the head coach will likely result in either reduced playing time during the next contest or not being in the starting lineup. Each missed practice will be evaluated by the coaching staff as to the relevance of the reason for missing and any potential consequences.
29. Parents and players will be responsible for reading, understanding, adhering to, and signing off on the Athlete Parent Agreement Form located on the school district website at:  
[http://huntsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/parent\\_athlete-agreement.pdf](http://huntsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/parent_athlete-agreement.pdf)
30. Coaches are available to discuss matters of concern for the players. The meeting will not discuss playing time. The meeting will be held with a minimum of two coaches, the parent, and the player. This meeting will occur no earlier than 24 hours after the end of the last game.
31. Players and Coaches will stand in silence, face the flag, remove any hats, and show respect to the USA during the playing of the National Anthem prior to the start of all games. There will be no kneeling or any other signs deemed to be some form of protesting during this silence. Singing the words during the anthem is certainly fine to do as this shows respect to our country.