

# Pine-Richland Girls' Soccer Code of Conduct

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Participation in the Pine-Richland Girls' Soccer program is regarded as a privilege and not a right. This privilege is extended to all with the understanding that players and parents must be willing to assume certain responsibilities. All players and parents shall abide by a Code of Conduct that defines our expectations in order to maintain the level of honor and respect that participation in our program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the player, team, or school will not be tolerated. Unacceptable conduct tarnishes the reputation of everyone associated with the Pine-Richland Girls' Soccer program.

This Code of Conduct is a collaborative effort between the Coaching staff and the Athletic Department and is in effect at the time it is signed.

***It is expected that all Pine-Richland Girls' Soccer players will strive to meet a higher standard of conduct than just the minimum.***

## **Players Requirements for Participation:**

1. All players must adhere to the Pine-Richland School District's Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Code.
2. Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs - Any student using or possessing alcohol, tobacco, or drugs shall be in direct violation of this Code of Conduct.  
**“A violation of rules #1 or #2 above may result in a suspension from games depending on the infraction. The suspension could last anywhere from a one game to a week-long suspension and may result in the dismissal from the team. This decision is at the discretion of the coaches and the Athletic Director.**
3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Fighting, lying, taunting, profanity, or displaying any sort of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. This includes acting or speaking in a disparaging manner about players or coaches to other players, coaches, or parents at any time.
4. Hazing/Initiation – Absolutely no hazing or initiation activities will be permitted. (Please refer to School Board Policy 247)
5. Missing Practice - Players must report ASAP directly to the coach if they are going to miss practice. A valid excuse to miss practice will be determined by the head coach and would include circumstances such as illness, family obligations, academics, and church. If a player misses a practice on the day preceding a game without a valid excuse, she will not be in the starting lineup the following day. At the coach's discretion, the player may also not play in the game. Excessive lateness/absences may result in dismissal from the team. We expect players not to put their team in jeopardy by missing practice, forcing coaches to implement consequences that adversely affect the entire team.

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6. Timeliness - Be on time for every practice and game. For example, if practice starts at 8:00, you must be fully dressed and ready to go at 8:00.
7. Attendance in School - Players must be in attendance by 10:30 a.m. in order to participate in a game or practice on that day.
8. Scholastic Eligibility Requirements - To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, high school students must be in good academic standing. A student who does not meet PIAA eligibility standards will not be permitted to play in games.
9. Travel - All players must travel to and from away games in transportation arranged by the Athletic Department.
10. Vacation Policy - Vacations by players during the season are strongly discouraged. In the event of an unavoidable absence for a vacation, the player must tell the coach well in advance of the vacation and consequences of the absence (if necessary) will be determined by the coaching staff.
11. Mandatory Preseason – In order to maintain a fair and equitable tryout process for every player, all preseason sessions are mandatory and cannot be missed.
12. Reporting of Injury - All injuries must be reported to both the head coach and the athletic trainer. If the injury requires medical attention by a doctor, the player must obtain the doctor's written permission to return to the activity. If a player is under a doctor's care (physician, oral surgeon, etc.) for any reason, they must submit, in writing, a note from their doctor that clears them to participate. The athletic trainer reserves the right to hold a player from participating in practice or games.
13. Parents should follow the proper chain of command when voicing a concern. This procedure begins with: the Coach, followed by the school Athletic Director, and finally if the concern has not been resolved, the Principal.
14. Coach/Parent Meeting - If a parent would like to have a meeting with any of the coaches, the coaching staff requests one day's notice. We also would like your daughter to attend. Please contact Coach Chmielewski at [jchmielewski@pinerichland.org](mailto:jchmielewski@pinerichland.org)
15. Dropping from the Team - On occasion a player may find it necessary to drop from the team. If this is the case the player must consult with the head coach and return all equipment back to the Pine-Richland Girls' soccer program.

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16. Social Media – Every player must be aware that information or images they post on the various social media networks (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) are a direct reflection on the Pine-Richland Girls' Soccer program. Our players need to represent our program with respectability and dignity.
17. Outside Activities – While in season players are not permitted to participate in open gyms, practices, games, camps, etc. for any other sports or outside teams. Players are also not permitted to participate, in any manner, in the Pine-Richland Powderpuff Football game.

***\*\*Players, please remember at all times, your words and actions are a reflection of your team and the Pine-Richland School District.***

### **Considerations for Parents:**

- Support the student's desire to play their chosen sport.
- Encourage players to obey all rules and lead by example.
- Be respectful of all players, coaches, officials, opponents, and other parents.
- Unsportsmanlike, demeaning, disrespectful behavior or comments at games, practice, and meetings will not be tolerated and may result in the parent being dismissed from the game and the student dismissed from the team after review by the Coach and Athletic Director.
- Be supportive of the entire team.

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## **Penalty for Violation:**

Upon an infraction of the Code of Conduct, the Coaching staff and the Athletic Director shall meet to determine the penalty according to the degree of the infraction.

I have read and I agree to abide by the procedures and expectations set forth in this Code of Conduct. I understand that I am expected to perform according to this code and I understand that there will be sanctions and penalties if I do not, which may lead to my removal from the team.

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_