



September 4, 2018

Hello Families & Student Athletes,

We are so excited to coach another season of Kulshan Boys Soccer! We are passionate about both playing the game of soccer and working with middle school students. In addition to being engaged participants, our student athletes are expected to represent our school with Thunderbird pride. Please review the following expectations with your child to ensure a successful season. We hope to see (and hear) you at games, cheering for your player and the Kulshan Thunderbirds!

Sincerely,

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Student Athlete Expectations

The basic expectation of players is respect; respect for teammates, coaches, officials, parents, and the game. Players are always encouraged to ask questions, raise concerns, and make suggestions. Players are also students first and athletes second. Coaches will be checking with teachers, staff and administration occasionally to make sure everyone is earning stamps and demonstrating good citizenship. Coaches will also randomly check student planners. **Students will be expected to earn more than 80% of their stamps each week to be in good academic standing and to play in games.**

Attendance

Players are responsible for communicating with their coaches in advance if they must miss a practice. District policy states that students must attend a minimum of 8 practices to be eligible to participate in a game or meet. Students also must be present at school the day of a game to be eligible to participate. Students are expected to have consistent attendance as the sports season is short, and it is important for players to attend practices to build skills and learn how to work together as a team. Valid reasons for missing practice include illness and/or making prior arrangements for early dismissal for other school sport practices. ***On Tuesdays, the team will be running/hiking off-campus. Players should wear running shoes (not cleats) for this day and will be unable to be picked up from practice early.***

Practice Policy and Practice Pick-up

Practices will take place from **4:00–5:25 PM at Kulshan Middle School, Monday–Friday**, except for early release Thursdays, non-school Fridays and holidays. ***There will also be no practice on Thursday, September 13 and Friday, September 21.*** Please pick students up no later than 5:30 PM. Due to the large number of student athletes, we have divided pick up locations. Coaches will walk soccer players to the lower loop lot for pick up while track players will be picked up in the back lot. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE LOOP! If allowing your student to go home with a friend or other adult, please provide the coach with written permission.

Game/Meet Schedule

A complete game schedule can be found on the Kulshan Website under Activities. A paper copy will also be sent home with students. Check the Calendar Preview and Daily Bulletin for a quick look at upcoming games and events. Any schedule change will be announced at practice, over the intercom (announcements), and through School Messenger.

Transportation to and from Games

Students are required to ride the bus to games. A bus will be available to bring students back to Kulshan if needed. If you wish to take your athlete home from an away game or meet, it is very important to **sign-out your player (see the coaches for the sign-out sheet)**. To ensure the safety of our players, unless a student has a written or e-mailed note, we cannot allow them to go home with anyone other than their parent or guardian. They must instead take the bus back to Kulshan.

Thank you! Please contact coaches with any further questions. Go Thunderbirds!