

# **Ridge View High School Men's Soccer**

Team Policy Handbook  
2009

Dear Players,

Welcome to the Ridge View Men's Soccer Team. You have been selected from the many that tried out for the team, congratulations!

I am very excited about this years' team, we have the talent, and quality players to have a successful season. What I expect from each of you is commitment, dedication and hard work. I expect each of you to act like young men, make good decisions, and be responsible for all of the decisions you make, both in the classroom and on the field. We need to bond together and function as one team, not a handful of individuals.

Your commitment to Ridge View Soccer starts right now and will continue for the next four and a half months. Once again congratulations on being selected to a part of The Ridge View Men's Soccer Team.

Coach Donohue

## A. Welcome

Welcome to the Ridge View Men's Soccer program's information session. At this meeting you should receive all of the information, forms, and other guidelines necessary to try out for one the men's soccer teams. This booklet will also contain much information that you might wish to refer to during the season, so please keep it. Also, **be sure to share this handbook with your parents and have them complete and sign the necessary forms.**

## B. Required Materials (forms, etc.) DUE no later than 1<sup>st</sup> day of tryouts!

Every athlete must provide all of the information shown on the list below (a detachable checklist is included with the forms in the **Appendix I**). Please complete the checklist and turn in all forms by the above due date. **Only complete packets will be accepted** – forms may not be turned in piece by piece (for organizational purposes). **Lost forms** may be accessed on the Ridge View Men's Soccer website at [www.rvhs.org](http://www.rvhs.org) .

⊇ **A Physical form** (attached) must be completed and signed by a physician. No participation is allowed before completion. Boys who played a sport at Ridge View during the current school year should already have a physical on file. All physicals must be dated after April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Doctor's Care can see patients without an appointment.

⊇ **A Parent Permission form** (see physical form) must be completed and signed.

⊇ **District II Sports Tryout fee** (\$25) and **Sports Participation fee** (\$25) (see **Appendix II** for additional information) must be paid to Coach Donohue. If you have already played a sport this school year and have paid the fees, you do not need to pay again.

⊇ All **new athletes** must provide their original birth certificate or state certified copy (no photocopies, even if notarized) so that a SC High School League certified copy can be made. It will be certified by the athletic director. If you have played a sport at Ridge View, this is already on file.

⊇ The **Team Policy Handbook & Code of Conduct**

**Acknowledgment form** (attached) must be signed by the player.

### C. Team Rules

Players who exercise the privilege of joining a school sports team are accepting the fact that team goals come before individual goals. In order for our team to be successful, your **in-season priorities** are expected to be:

- 1) Family obligations (including religious obligations)
- 2) School
- 3) Soccer
- 4) All other Extra-Curricular Activities

As such, an atmosphere of organization, dedication, and discipline must be established. The following basic ground rules will be followed to help establish such an atmosphere:

⊇ **Punctuality:** Players will be on time to all team functions. Remember...**One** minute past the required time is LATE. Each player arriving late will owe one mile for being late, and a lap for every minute they are late, which will be run after practice has ended. Ex: Arriving to practice 15 minutes late equals 19 laps. 4 for being late (a mile) and then 15 more for the time missed.

⊇ **Being prepared:** The following items are required at every practice for both teams: shin guards, cleats. The **Varsity** will be required to wear a practice shirt, black RV Men's Soccer shorts, and white, purple, or black socks. Players will have to run one mile for every item they are missing. Varsity players showing up to practice with two red socks means you are missing two white/black/purple socks and will therefore have to run two miles after practice. The same goes for having the wrong color shorts or not having the practice shirt. **JV** will wear a practice shirt, black RV Men's Soccer shorts, and black or white socks.

⊇ **Attendance:** Players are expected to have 100% attendance at practices and other team functions. A soccer team cannot function properly if ALL members are not present and ready to work. Obviously, emergencies such as a death in the family are recognized and excused. Major sicknesses are also excused, although I expect an e-mail ([jdonohue@richland2.org](mailto:jdonohue@richland2.org)) or a phone call (699-2999 ext. 403) as soon as possible **FROM THE**

**PLAYER.** Players are expected to act like men and be responsible for themselves both on and off the field. To be sure of being excused, notification to coaches must come **prior** to practice time and be approved. Remember, colds, headaches, stomach aches, and allergies are inconveniences – not major illnesses, in these cases, practice may be excused, but attendance at practice is still mandatory. Other exceptional needs, including school functions, will be evaluated on a case by case basis, must be approved in advance, and should be kept to a minimum.

In the case of having a day off from practice due to faculty requirements, the best effort will be made to notify players so they can make arrangements for doctor's appointments. In the case of last minute cancelations, a captain's practice will be in effect, in which attendance will still be mandatory.

⊇ **Grades:** Players are students first. You are expected to maintain a positive academic standing at all times. Please remember that the district's "2.0" policy for athletes is in effect. I will confirm grades through school records. There are other SCSHL requirements that must also be met for eligibility. These will be addressed on a case to case basis with the individual player.

⊇ **Behavior:** Players are expected to conform to all state, local, community, district, school, and team laws, rules, policies, and standards. That includes showing proper respect to coaches, officials, parents, other teammates, other sports athletes, custodial staff, office staff, and / or any other adult in an authoritative position at our school or any other location we may visit. Violation of these rules can result in extra conditioning after practice, to loss of playing time to removal from the team. Each situation will be assessed by the coaching staff on a case to case basis, and each case will be handled in the same fashion.

⊇ **ETC:** Any additional rules, directions, instructions, etc. given either verbally or in writing by team coaches or any RVHS coach, teacher, administrator, or other adult in a position of authority are to be followed.

⊇ If you have any question about whether an action is a violation of any rule, **ask before acting!**

**Consequences:** Rules violation may result in a variety of disciplinary actions ranging from simple running to suspension from part or all of a game(s). Multiple or extreme violations may result in dismissal from the team. Other measures, including school discipline, may be taken when appropriate.

**\*\*Note:** Athletic Department Policy states that players who are severely disciplined during or after the final game of their senior season (i.e., deemed guilty of a flagrant violation such as instigating a post-game fight, vandalizing an opponent's venue, abusively confronting referees after the match, etc.) may be removed from the team and barred from lettering, receiving awards, attending banquets, etc.

#### **D. Travel Policy**

All team members are expected to travel to all away matches, including if injured. Team members will all ride to matches on the team bus. Any exception (special circumstances only) must be cleared with the coach ahead of time for the player to be eligible to travel to the match separately and still participate. Players will load the bus and will return to the back of RV by the gym. For away games, players are expected to be prepared and ready to load the bus at the time given to them by their coach.

Players will ride home with the team, however, they will be allowed to leave a match with their parents, for emergencies only. **Any exceptions (extenuating circumstances) must be approved in advance by the coaching staff (Please give as much notice as you have).** These rules may seem stringent, but they are designed around two primary concerns: player safety, and the ability of the coaches to be able to accurately account for the whereabouts of all players.

#### **E. Lettering and Other Team Awards**

The following criteria will be applied to determine which varsity soccer players earn letters after the season:

- ⊇ Only varsity players are eligible to letter.

- ⊇ To be eligible to letter, a player must remain a member of the team, in good standing, for the entire season. Any player who quits the team or who is otherwise removed from the team at any point during the season will not be eligible to receive a letter.
- ⊇ All senior players in good standing will receive a letter.
  
- ⊇ All underclassmen must play at least one-third of the possible minutes or play a strong role in a majority of the matches during the course of the season in order to letter. Exceptions to this rule may occur (such as a player becoming a starter and/or stellar performer late in the season, major injuries, etc.) and the sole discretion of whether to award a letter in such instances will rest with the head coach.
  
- ⊇ Players may be disqualified from lettering for failure to meet team standards of discipline, practice attendance, etc., even if the minimum playing requirements have already been met. Any player missing one match (unexcused) or two practices (unexcused) may be deemed ineligible to receive a varsity letter.

Following completion of the season, the letters and following awards will be presented at the year end banquet. The varsity team will earn the following awards. The awards may vary at the discretion of the coach.

**Team Captains:** Leadership award, selected prior to the season.

**Defensive/Offensive MVP:** Awarded to the player(s) who were most instrumental in the success of the team.

**Coach's Award:** Given at the coach's discretion to a player(s).

**Captains Award:** With coach's approval, the captains will select a player(s) that they feel most exemplifies the team as a whole. This player(s) will be different from the MVP awards and will not be a captain. This award is designed for the captains to recognize a player(s) they feel might have been overlooked.

**Blazer Senior Scholar Award:** Awarded to a college-bound senior with the highest GPA.

## F. Who Plays

While we as coaches try to teach athletes many lessons beyond the results that end up in the “win” and “loss” columns, we must also recognize that, by the time players reach the high school level of competition, match results are important. Therefore, we try to put the best possible team on the field in all matches. The result is that all players will not play in all matches.

At the varsity level, there are no guarantees of playing time for any player. At the same time, coaches will (under normal circumstances) make an effort to allow every player to play in matches where the outcome is no longer in question, although this is not always possible.

At the JV level, outcome is still important, especially to the players on the team. We do, though, make more of an effort to allow each player to play in each match. Unless benched for discipline, injury, or other similar issues, each player should usually expect to play for at least a few minutes each half. However, playing time generally will **not** be equitably distributed. Players who earn starting positions and/or more playing time will expect to receive the bulk of the available minutes. Determination of player minutes is decided by the coaching staff.

## G. Discipline Policy

Team disciplinary matters are handled individually and at the discretion of the head coach. See “**Team Rules**” and “**Letter Policy**” for various guidelines and consequences for violations. Various athletic department guidelines also apply and are discussed below and in **Appendix I**.

### **Athletic Department Guidelines:**

1. Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves at all times, both in and out of school, in a manner which will not embarrass or bring discredit to themselves, their team or Ridge View High School. Conduct unbecoming a varsity athlete may result in suspension from the team.

2. Suspension from individual games will be at the sole discretion of the head coach. Suspension from multiple games or dismissal from the team will be approved by the athletic director.
3. Use or possession of alcohol or other illegal drugs at school, in a school vehicle, during or prior to school activities, or observed by a member of the coaching staff, administrative staff or faculty member “in-season” will result in suspension from the team for the remainder of the season. Further participation in athletics will be at the discretion of the principal, athletic director and head coach. See **Appendix I** for additional information.
4. Use or possession on any tobacco product will result in a minimum of a one game suspension and a maximum of dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season. See **Appendix I** for additional information.
5. Any athlete, on out-of-school suspension, during the season may not practice or participate in any competitions during the suspension. See **Appendix I** for more information.
6. Any athlete not attending school on any given day may not practice or compete that day.
7. Any athlete who owes fees for any previous school year will not be allowed to participate until the fees have been cleared or a payment plan approved and initiated.
8. Any athlete leaving a team prior to the end of the season may not begin participation with any other team without the permission of the head coach of the exiting team or until after the state championship of the exiting team.
9. Specific rules and regulations governing each sport will be given to each athlete by the head coach. A copy of these rules will be on file in the athletic director’s office.
10. Any action or omission on an athlete’s part, which could require disciplinary action not specifically covered in either the athletic discipline policy or the individual team’s rules, will be resolved jointly by the head coach and the athletic director. Repeated violations of the athletic discipline policy may result in permanent suspension from athletics.

## **H. Website Information**

Web sites that you might find helpful are [www.rvhs.org](http://www.rvhs.org), [www.scsoccer.com](http://www.scsoccer.com) , and [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org) . The first has a link to athletics.

## **I. Schedules**

All players will receive practice and match schedules (**see Appendix II**) prior to tryouts. Players are expected to attend all matches and practices, so personal schedules should be set accordingly. The schedules will also be posted on the RV Men's Soccer website.

## **J. Make-Up Policy**

Every effort is made to play all matches as scheduled. At times, though, we are at the mercy of the weather or of officials at other schools. Matches can be rescheduled at any time. Usually, this will be during the week, but it is not inconceivable that a match could be rescheduled on a weekend. All coaches and athletes need to be prepared to adjust personal schedules as necessary to accommodate the team.

## **K. Dual Sport Policy**

Participation on an out-of-school club soccer team during the high school season is now permitted by South Carolina High School League rules. However, during the high school season, players will need advance permission to miss any Ridge View soccer function to participate on an outside team. The general expectation is that the athlete will make all Ridge View soccer functions.

## L. Tryout Policy

The following procedures will apply to men's soccer tryouts:

⊇ Players should attend all tryout dates.

⊇ Tryouts will start on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Players may be released during or after this initial tryout period. Those remaining will still be evaluated over the next couple of weeks (approximately), including during scheduled scrimmages so that true match-level evaluation may take place. At any time during this period, players may be released or assigned to either the JV or varsity teams. Rosters will be finalized as soon as possible after all athletes playing winter sports have had a chance to try out, (hopefully within ten days and no later than two weeks after the week of initial tryouts).

**For athletes involved in a winter sport:** you will have 2-3 days after the completion of that winter sport to tryout for the men's soccer team. If the athlete is competing in a state championship, they will have 2-3 days after the conclusion of the championship to try out.

⊇ Players will be evaluated by all coaches on staff. Initial evaluation will generally take place through small sided games and scrimmages (evaluation for players in the secondary evaluation phase may take any number of forms up to and including scrimmage matches against other schools). Certain drills may be used as well. Times previously recorded in speed and endurance drills will also be used. In some instances, other coaches knowledgeable about a player's abilities may be contacted. All players who are present at all tryout dates will be fairly evaluated (to the point that the player's abilities are clear to the coaching staff or other knowledgeable observers).

⊇ Players who make a team will be named to either the junior varsity or varsity team after the completion of all tryout phases. Seniors are ineligible to play on the junior varsity team.

⊇ Sole discretion pertaining to selection of players will rest with the coaching staff, and the decisions of the head coach will be final.

## **M. Uniforms**

Uniforms issued to players are on loan from RV Men's Soccer team. All equipment is expected to be returned clean and in good condition at the end of the season. Items that are lost or damaged must be replaced by the player (debt sheets will be issued and turned into the billing office). Items that are damaged in competition or through normal wear and tear will be replaced by the team.

### **Player Kits:**

Players will be required to purchase a player kit. Varsity items include: (\$50.00) 1 grey practice shirt, 1 black practice shirt, 1 white pair socks, 1 purple pair socks, 1 black pair socks, and 1 black shorts. JV items include: (\$25.00) 1 black shorts and 1 black pair socks one white pair of socks. Fundraising of a corporate sponsor(s) (minimum to be determined based on cost of equipment) can help defray the cost. Hardship cases can be brought to the Soccer Booster Club Board.

## **N. Pre-Season Fitness Expectations**

Players are expected to maintain a reasonable level of fitness prior to pre-season workouts. All returning varsity players are expected to be present at all pre-season conditioning sessions. Any player hoping to make the varsity team should also be present. Players trying out for JV only are also strongly encouraged to participate, for self and team improvement will occur through proper conditioning. Please be advised that participation in pre-season conditioning does not guarantee players a spot on either roster (though it certainly will not hurt one's chances at tryouts).

### **Conditioning Suggestions**

Pre-season conditioning guidelines can be found on our website at [www.rvhs.org](http://www.rvhs.org). Ability and performance will vary from person to person. Individual adjustments will need to be tailored to meet individual situations.

≡ Practice proper stretching to prevent injury (light warm-up,

stretch, run, sprint, light cool-down, stretch).

⊇ From this time through the holidays, run 2 to 3 miles four times weekly, timing your runs and increasing pace steadily (target time: 6-7 minutes/mile). Interval runs (combining jogs and sprints) may be even more helpful.

⊇ As your fitness level increases, incorporate wind sprints into your workout. Begin with a few 20 yarders, then increase length and number as you can. Several 50 yarders combined with several 100 yarders would be very good. Do these after you run.

⊇ Proper weight training, either through the RV Advanced PE program or with a private gym, can be very beneficial to many athletes, both enhancing performance and possibly preventing injury.

⊇ If you are playing club soccer now, maintain fitness over the break (after the club season) using these workouts. If you are playing indoor soccer over the break, adjust your routine so that you work out (matches included) no more than five days weekly.

⊇ If you choose to come to conditioning completely out of shape, it may not be pleasant. The workouts are intense, and the expectation is that you have properly prepared your body.

**Remember: Proper fitness is key to injury prevention and on the field success in soccer!**

## **O. Off-Campus Conditioning/Training**

Please be aware that some of our conditioning work, especially pre-season, may be done off campus. During the pre-season, and possibly on some occasions during the season, the team may be involved in running off campus, potentially up to several miles. To break the monotony, such runs usually occur in woods and neighborhoods (Summit) near our campus. While coaches typically accompany the team on such workouts, it is impossible to be with all players at all times.

## **P. NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse Information**

College bound student athletes (those who wish to play sports in college) must receive academic clearance from the NCAA Clearinghouse to establish eligibility. The process, though usually smooth, can sometimes be time consuming and difficult, especially if a problem presents itself. It is recommended that athletes and parents (even underclassmen), be knowledgeable of the required core courses they must complete if the athlete seeks to play in college. Also, early registration (by junior year) with the Clearinghouse is recommended by the NCAA. Any questions you might have can be addressed by our coaches, the Ridge View guidance department, or the NCAA. The two web sites that will provide necessary information are [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) and [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) . The NCAA strongly recommends online registration, but paper registration is available.

## **Q. Contact Information for Coaches**

If you have any questions or other needs either now, before the season, or during the season, feel free to contact the coaches. The following numbers and e-mail addresses apply:

### **Varsity Head Coach:**

John Donohue – 803-699-2999 ext. 403  
[jdonohue@richland2.org](mailto:jdonohue@richland2.org)

### **JV Coach:**

Brian Butler – 803-699-2999 ext. 601  
[bbutler@richland2.org](mailto:bbutler@richland2.org)

### **Athletic Trainer:**

Sean Hoppe – 803-699-2999 ext. 409, [shoppe@richland2.org](mailto:shoppe@richland2.org)

### **Athletic Director:**

David Gordon – 803-699-2999 ext. 400, [dgordon@richland2.org](mailto:dgordon@richland2.org)

### **Principal:**

Dr. Marty Martin – 803-699-2999, [mmartin@richland2.org](mailto:mmartin@richland2.org)

# APPENDIX I

Selected  
Ridge View High School

Athletic Policies

## CONDUCT OF ATHLETES

- 1. Suspension(in or out of school):** A student cannot participate in any interscholastic sports or extracurricular activities during the suspension. This also includes any practices, meetings, and workouts.
- 2. Probation:** Any student who is returned to school on probation following an expulsion hearing in which the hearing officer finds that he/she violated District or school policy shall lose the privilege of participating in interscholastic sports or extra-curricular activities for a minimum period of 30 school days from the return to his/her school. At that time, the Head Coach, the Athletic Director, the Assistant Principal for Student Services, and the Principal will meet to determine to re-instate the athlete or continue the suspension based on the student's progress since his/her return to school.
- 3. Team Rules:** The Head Coach is expected to publish and distribute his/her expectations and rules for all team members at the beginning of the season. The Head Coach must have on file a signed document by both the athlete and the parent/guardian stating that they have read, understood, and accepted the rules. The Head Coach and his/her coaching staff should handle the discipline for the violation of these rules
- 4. Quitting a Team:** If a player or parent chooses to remove him/herself from a team in season after the team has been named, then the player will not be eligible to try-out or participate on another team until the team from which he/she has quit has completed its season.
- 5. State/Local Law:** Any student-athlete that is charged with any violation of law other than minor traffic violations may be placed on temporary suspension from athletic activities. Additional suspension or penalty may be assessed pending an investigation.
- 6. Felony:** Any student-athlete found guilty of a felony will be dismissed from the athletic program and may face possible expulsion from school. The student-athlete that is charged may be placed on temporary suspension from athletic activities during the investigation.
- 7. Equipment:** School issued equipment is the responsibility of the student to whom it was issued. The student is expected to keep it clean and in good condition. Loss or damage to any equipment is the athlete's financial obligation.
- 8. Travel:** All athletes must travel to and from out-of-town athletic contests in transportation provided by the athletic department with the exception that an athlete may ride with a parent or guardian if permission is granted by the coach.
- 9. College Recruitment:** In the event an athlete should be contacted personally by a college recruiter, he/she has an obligation to work through his/her coach and the athletic department. Inform your coach of such a contact as soon as possible. College recruitment information is available in the Athletic Office.
- 10. Substance Abuse:** Any student using or possessing alcohol or tobacco or using, possessing, buying or selling illegal controlled substances may be denied participation in interscholastic athletics or face suspension of games or contests. This rule, which shall be known as the "Substance Abuse Rule," is to be enforced twelve months of the year. It is the overwhelming opinion of health professionals that athletes perform best when they follow intelligent training rules which include abstinence from tobacco, alcohol and any type of mood modifying substances that produce harmful effects on the human body. The coaches at Spring Valley, concerned with the health habits of the student-athletes of this community, are convinced that athletics and the use of these substances are not compatible. Athletes must understand that you cannot compromise athletics with substance abuse.

## PENALTY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- **First Violation Penalty** After confirmation of the first violation, the student will be suspended immediately for a minimum of 20% of the scheduled contests in the sport which the student is a participant. If the penalty is not fully administered during that sport season, the remainder of the penalty will be applied to the next interscholastic sport season in which the athlete participates.
- **Second Violation Penalty:** After confirmation of the second violation, the student will be

suspended immediately for 50% of the scheduled contests in the sport of which the student is a participant. If the penalty is not fully administered during the sport season, the remainder of the penalty will be applied to the next interscholastic sport season in which the athlete participates

- **Third Violation Penalty:** After confirmation of the third violation, the student will be suspended from participation in athletics for the remainder of his/her school career

**Individual Coaches Rules:** Coaches may establish additional rules and regulations with the approval of the Athletic Director and Principal. The rules and penalties as pertaining to a particular sport must be presented to the team members and explained fully at the start of the season. Penalties for violations of these rules shall be administered by the coach.

**Appeal Procedure:** A student may appeal the decision of the Athletic Department to the Principal. A written appeal must be presented to the Principal within five school days of the initial ruling. The Principal shall render a decision within five school days.

## Parent/Athlete/Coach Communication Guide

### Our Philosophy

- Athletic achievement requires sincere commitment from all athletes, parents, coaches and administrators. For all of us to be successful, effective communication must occur.
- The school athletic department and administration believe strongly in being accessible to parents and supportive of the coaching staff.
- We are continually attempting to improve communication with the students and parents. For our programs to be truly successful, it is necessary that everyone understand the focus and direction of the program.

#### A. It is reasonable to expect your child's coach to inform you:

1. When and where practices and contests are held.
2. About his/her coaching philosophy.
3. About the expectations he/she has for all athletes on the squad as well as your individual child.
4. What is required to be a part of the team, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning, lettering requirements, etc.
5. If your child is injured during participation in a practice or contest.
6. Whenever any disciplinary action results in your son/daughter being denied participation in a practice or contest.

#### B. Typical concerns of parents that are appropriate to discuss with a coach are:

1. Any unhealthy mental or physical strain you detect in your child at home (especially when it affects his/her academic performance).
2. How you can contribute to your child's skill improvement and development.
3. Any dramatic changes you detect in your youngster's behavior.

### Our Expectations

#### A. It is inappropriate to discuss with a coach:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy or play calling.
3. Other student athletes.

- B.** Coaches often need parents to tell them:
1. Any specific health concerns about your son/daughter expressed directly and informally to the head coach at a mutually convenient time.
  2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
  3. Your commitment to the program, and how you plan to make a contribution to the program's success. For example, one way is to be sure your youngster is at practice each day on time and to supervise that your child gets enough rest and nutrition at home.
  4. Strategies that have worked for you in dealing with your son/daughter being successful in the past.

## **PROTOCOL FOR RESOLUTION**

**Parents/Athletes:** In the event that an athlete or his/her parents are unhappy with any fraction of the athletic team or department, the proper process to reach a resolution is as follows:

- Athlete to Coach
- Parent to Coach
- Coach to AD
- Parent to AD
- AD to Principal

Parents should always schedule an appointment to conduct these meetings. A parent should never approach a coach immediately before, during or after any practices or contests as these are the times that emotions are high and constructive resolutions are not likely to occur. Coaches are required to make every effort to schedule a meeting with a parent if the parent requests such a meeting.

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**Player Code of Conduct Contract**

- I hereby pledge to provide support, care and encouragement to my team and my team mates by abiding by this code of conduct.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship and respect by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice and soccer event.
- I will refrain from verbal abuse, unsportsmanlike conduct, intimidation, or physical altercations at any soccer venue.
- I will obey and support the rules of the game.
- I will accept the decisions of the officials without arguments or derogatory comments.
- I will use only positive encouragement towards my team and the other teams.
- I will conduct myself with dignity and encourage the same behavior from others and understand that violation of the Code of Conduct may result in a loss of privilege to participate in games and/or practices.
- I have reviewed, read, and do understand the Team Policy Handbook provided to me. I agree to abide by the rules and procedures discussed within and accept any consequences should a violation occur.

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Parent/Guardian Name (s)

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Player's Name

Date

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Player's Signature

**\*\*\*This form MUST be signed by the player and returned prior to participation in any men's soccer activities\*\*\***

## Ridge View Men's Soccer

### Player Packet Checklist

**Only completed packets will be accepted!!** Incomplete packets will have to be turned in at a later date. **No participation will be allowed until all forms are received.**

- \_\_\_ 1. A **Physical** form (dated after April 1<sup>st</sup> of current school year) must be completed and signed by a physician. Boys who played a sport at Ridge View during the CURRENT school year should already have a physical on file.
- \_\_\_ 2. A **Parent Permission** form (see **Physical** form) must be completed and signed.
- \_\_\_ 3. **District II Tryout Fee** must be paid (\$25 once yearly) to Coach Donohue.
- \_\_\_ 4. **District II Participation Fee** (\$25 once yearly) may be paid in conjunction with the tryout fee or paid upon making the team.
- \_\_\_ 5. All **new athletes** must provide their original birth certificate or state certified copy (no photocopies, even if notarized) so that a SC High School League certified copy can be made. If you have played a sport at Ridge View, this should already be on file.
- \_\_\_ 6. The Ridge View Men's Soccer **Team Policy Handbook Acknowledgement / Code of Conduct** form must be signed by the player and returned.
- \_\_\_ 7. **Player kit fee** paid.

**All of the above is to be completed and returned prior to the first scrimmage!**

## Ridge View Men's Soccer JV and Varsity Schedule

### Scrimmages:

February 17 <sup>th</sup>	@	AC Flora	7:00 pm	(JV: 5:30 pm)
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	H	Camden Military	6:00 pm	
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	H	Lexington	6:00 pm	

### Sandhills Tournament

February 27 <sup>th</sup>	H	Ben Lippen	4:30 pm	
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	H	Stratford	9:00 am	
"	H	Airport	3:00 pm	
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	H	Semi-finals / Finals	TBA	
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	H	RVHS Alumni Game	2:00 pm	

### Season Begins:

March 9 <sup>th</sup>	@	Dreher	6:30 pm	
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	@	White Knoll	7:30 pm	(JV: 6:00 pm)
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	H	RNE	7:30 pm	
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	@	Rock Hill	7:00 pm	(JV: 5:30 pm)
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	H	Spring Valley	7:30 pm	(JV: 5:45 pm)
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	H	Lancaster	7:30 pm	(JV: 5:45 pm)
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	H	Chapin	7:30 pm	(JV: 6:00 pm)
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	@	South Pointe	7:00 pm	(JV: 5:30 pm)
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	H	Blythewood	7:30 pm	(JV: 5:45 pm)
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	H	Rock Hill	7:30 pm	(JV: 5:45 pm)

### Spring Break: April 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	@	West Florence	7:30 pm	(JV: 6:00 pm)
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	@	Carolina Forest	7:00 pm	
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	@	Myrtle Beach	11:30 am	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	@	Spring Valley	7:00 pm	(JV: 5:30 pm)
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	@	Lancaster	7:00 pm	(JV: 5:30 pm)
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	H	South Pointe	7:30 pm	(JV: 5:45 pm)
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	@	Blythewood	7:00 pm	(JV: 5:30 pm)
May 5 – 10		Playoffs	TBA	
May 12 – 17		Playoffs	TBA	