

# SHS Warrior Soccer Handbook

Respect your coaches' time and refer to this guide before asking or sending questions to coaching staff

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## Section 1 – Purpose & Code of Conduct

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this handbook is to outline rules and expectations for all Boys Soccer participants at SHS. Any topics not referenced in this handbook are covered by the Socorro Consolidated School's athletic handbook and your specific school's student handbook (if available). District and School policies will take precedence over this handbook.

### 1.2 Sportsmanship

All team members, including coaches, managers and supporters, endeavor to maintain a good sense of sportsmanship as an individual and as a team. We encourage good sportsmanship among all athletes, students, faculty, and spectators; betterment of relationships between schools during all athletic events; and promotion of good will between the School District and community. We must be of good character and have a good citizenship record at all times.

### 1.3 Code of Conduct

As a Warrior Soccer team member and a student athlete of SHS, all team members are leaders of their school. Team members will maintain a good sense of sportsmanship standards and general student conduct in all endeavors. In addition to being role models for the school and for peers, they represent SHS while at other schools, at state tournaments and at other functions.

Warrior Soccer team members are expected to be good citizens and adhere to a high code of ethics at all times, whether or not school is in session.

An athlete is a student constantly in view of the public and he must relinquish some activities in which other students engage in that are not acceptable as being part of this organization.

A soccer team member is an official representative of the school, as well as an inspiration and example for many youngsters who see and look up to him. As such, he should be spotless in character and behavior and must never engage in anything inconsistent with such a trust and responsibility.

Warrior footballers are to promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship. The officials of all games are to be shown the same courtesies as visiting team members and coaches.

## Section 2 - Eligibility Requirements

### 2.1 Physicals & Clearance to Play

SHS Warrior Soccer players will comply with all NMAA rules and will submit a completed physical to the District's Athletics office prior to participating in any official practices. Players must use the District-required form and ensure all items are complete and all appropriate signatures are obtained. Finally, players without compliant documentation are barred from participating in any scheduled matches.

### 2.2 Agreement of Athlete & Parents

The "Agreement of Athlete and Parents" must be turned into the athletics office on or before the first day of participation. A student may not attend practice or scheduled events without this signed parental permission form and the completion of the above-referenced physical form.

### 2.3 Grade Eligibility

Student athletes are students first and athletes second.

### 2.4 Termination of Participation

Any student who has previously participated as a soccer player but resigned voluntarily, quit or was removed from the team for disciplinary reasons will adhere to a re-entry agreement, conditions of which are determined by the head coach. If this agreement is broken, the athlete may be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the current season.

## Section 3 – Varsity & Junior Varsity Selection

### 3.1 Designation & Playing Time

Parents and athletes will not question the head coach's decision regarding the athlete's participation or playing time in varsity or junior varsity matches. Coaches use a myriad of factors to determine the rosters and that decision is final.

### 3.2 Varsity Determination

All team members will have the opportunity to compete for a varsity position, no matter your grade level. The head coach will determine the varsity roster weekly and will inform players of the varsity selection prior to a match. Varsity positions are never guaranteed for any Warrior soccer player, and individuals determined to make up the strongest team will be selected.

### 3.3 Junior Varsity Determination

Pursuant to NMAA rules, seniors are not allowed to participate in Junior Varsity games. Beyond that rule, the head coach will designate which players will participate in varsity or junior varsity matches prior to the game.

## Section 4: Uniforms

### 4.1 Uniform Issuance & Care

Eligible athletes will be issued a uniform, socks, shin guards, warm-ups (if available) and a travel bag. Athletes and parents are responsible for the equipment issued to the athlete and all items must be returned in whole at the conclusion of the season.

All players will be issued a practice shirt for the season, which is kept by the player.

The uniform and equipment are to be kept in a clean and neat condition at all times. Athletes and parents are responsible for all cleaning bills and replacement of equipment or uniform. No part of the uniform is to be worn with other types of clothing or outside of scheduled events unless the head coach gives approval beforehand. No one but the athlete is to wear uniform or equipment (this includes siblings, parents or girlfriends, etc.).

### 4.2 Lost or Damaged Uniforms/Equipment

If equipment or uniform is returned damaged or need of repair the athlete or parents are responsible for covering the replacement or repair of items damaged or lost. If replacement or repair has not occurred in a suitable amount of time (1 week) the athlete will not be released for Spring sports (if athlete does not play spring sports but plays Fall sports they will not be released for the Fall season), grades will be withheld and/or possibly the athlete's diploma.

## Section 5: Travel

### 5.1 Travel to a Match

The school district will provide transportation for out-of-town trips within budgetary limitations. All team members will travel TO all assigned out-of-town events AS A UNIT. Exceptions will only be made in extenuating circumstances and must be approved by the head coach.

For all out-of-town games, team members will leave from and return to a designated location. Team members will provide their own punctual rides to and from that point.

If a team member misses the bus, they will not participate in the match. The team member, or parent, may not transport himself to the event and expect to participate.

### 5.2 Travel After a Match

An individual may return from an event with his/her parents under the following conditions:

1. The student has submitted the return travel release form to the head coach. This form must have been signed by the athletic director and parents no later than the day before the match.
2. The head coach has approved the return with parents upon acceptance of the form.
3. Visual proof that the parents are present at the event is satisfied.

### 5.3 Meals During Travel

Meal purchase orders are issued to travel teams within the District's policies. Team members will pay for their own meals and snacks beyond those policies and purchase orders.

## 6.0 Team Captains

### 6.1 Captain Designation

Captains are selected by the coaching staff and will served until relieved of that duty. Pursuant to FIFA and NMAA rules, captains must wear their "CAPTAIN" armband during all matches and only captains are allowed to address a referee on the field.

### 6.2 Captain Eligibility

Any designated captains must maintain the following:

1. Academic eligibility
2. Varsity designation
3. Demonstration of good sportsmanship and leadership qualities

### 6.3 Captain Responsibility

All captains:

1. Are responsible for participating in the opening coin toss with referees
2. Are the only players allowed to address referees on the pitch
3. Must exemplify the best qualities of a Warrior Soccer player on and off the field

## Section 7: Parental Responsibility

### 7.1 Practice & Game Attendance

Parents are expected to make arrangements for their son to have transportation to and from practices and home events.

Medical appointments should be scheduled after practice. If this is unavailable please schedule appointments at the beginning of practice week and not in the middle of a practice week.

Family activities or issues that may conflict with practice or game day must be brought to the head coach's attention by the parents of athlete by phone or in writing, prior to the event occurring. Please try to schedule any trips, doctor's appointments, board tests, or any other controllable event at a time that will not conflict with practice or scheduled events.

Unexpected family issues are understandable but still must be brought to head coach's attention by the parents of athlete, prior to event occurring when possible.

## 7.2 Uniforms & Equipment

It is the parent/wrestlers responsibility to be sure that uniforms and equipment are kept in good condition and kept clean in accordance with section 4 of this handbook.

## 7.3 Timely Drop Off & Pickup

Parents will make the necessary arrangements to ensure athletes are at practice and out-of-town designation areas on time. A part of our team routine to keep our athletes healthy is a series of stretches prior to warm up and after practice or play.

Parents will also respect the time of our coaching staff, as well as their families, by ensuring athletes are picked-up at designated times. **It is never acceptable to leave a team member or coach waiting beyond the designated practice time or game return.**

# Section 8: Coaching Staff Responsibilities

## 8.1 Supervision

Coaches, at all times, will supervise all events and practices. Team members will not attend any function or event in uniform without the supervision of the coach. A coach will accompany athletes to out-of-town games, will complete the purchase order and will make travel arrangements for said games. The supervisory duties of coaches end after returning team members to the designated point.

## 8.2 Communication

The coach will communicate activities, practices and games during each season via text message. Game details will also be available online via MaxPreps and at [warriors.socorrosoccer.com](http://warriors.socorrosoccer.com). Schedule changes are sometimes unavoidable, and upon notification of them by the athletic director, the coach will notify the team via text message and at practice.

## 8.3 Records

The coach will maintain any records required by the District or NMAA. The coach is responsible for inventory and storage of uniforms and equipment.

# Section 9: Attendance

## 9.1 Attendance Expectation

All team members are expected to attend all practices and games. Members are also expected to attend special function, such as banquets, so long as there is no academic conflict. All team members are expected to be on-time for all practices, games, or functions.

Team members must be at all scheduled practices in order to participate at the scheduled event or events for the week. No more than one day missed (excused or unexcused) is allowed in a given practice week and the athlete must be present at practice the day before a scheduled event.

Tardiness may result in disciplinary action, determined by the head coach, and may include action up to prohibiting game participating.

Finally, a student in attendance at school will attend practice, events or special functions.

## 9.2 Fundraiser Participation

District funds are rightly dedicated first to academics then to extra-curricular pursuits. Consequently, team members are expected to participate in all team fundraising events. Pursuant to District policy, we may only conduct fundraisers during May or June and during our NMAA-designated Fall season. Fundraising for non-Fall sports is prohibited by the District.

Each team member will make the maximum effort to sell items or tickets assigned. All money collected on any and all projects is to be turned in to the head coach ON TIME. Money is not to be taken home or left in school lockers for safety reasons. Finally, all checks must be made payable to "SHS Warrior Soccer".

## 9.1 Excused Absences

Athletes must communicate to the head coach, any reasons or conflicts that may cause an absence. The coach will determine the status of an absence from team activities.

Typically, the only allowed absences are for:

- Academics
- Personal or immediate family illness
- Death in the family
- Pre-approved (by the Coach) "other" activity participation

Your participation in events outside of soccer demonstrates that you are well-rounded student and citizen. It is the athlete's responsibility to gain the head coach's approval prior to participating in events that may conflict with practice. Any absence from soccer activities to participate in non-coach-approved functions will be counted as unexcused.

Students are encouraged to participate in the student government and other organizations that do not meet during practice time or game times.

If students miss practice, excused or unexcused or are tardy to practice, they will make up that time missed the following scheduled practice. This includes any practice missed for academics.

## 9.2 Illness

Illness must be reported prior to practice by a parent by phone call or text. The coach may request a doctor's note be provided at the next attended practice.

In the event of personal illness, the coach is to be notified on the day of the illness and/or PRIOR TO ANY SCHEDULED PRACTICE, GAME OR SPECIAL FUNCTION. Failure to notify the coach will result in an unexcused absence. A doctor's note may be requested to be provided at the next attended practice.

Classroom performance is your number one priority! Outside of academic pursuits, team members cannot miss practices and scheduled activities because of other interests or activities such as dances, other athletics, or any other non-academic events.

Excessive absences due to personal health may disqualify athlete from participating in scheduled events. Additionally, the head coach may require a doctor's release before returning to normal soccer team activity.

Family activities or issues must be brought to the head coach's attention by the parents of athlete by phone or in writing, prior to the event occurring. See section 7 explaining parental responsibility in this regard.

### 9.3 Summer Camp or Clinic

The coach will designate a week of summer camp and/or tournament play, sometime in the same week. In many cases, fundraising will help cover or defer the cost of these events, but athletes should expect a nominal participation fee.

Pursuant to NMAA rules, summer camp or clinic attendance cannot be mandatory. However, athletes are encouraged to participate in order to be the best-prepared player.

### 9.4 Employment Conflicts

Team members with jobs must make it known to their employer that they are participating and must try to arrange their work schedule so that it does not conflict with scheduled practices, games, and special functions.

## Section 10: Dual Team Participation

Pursuant to NMAA rules, Warrior Soccer athletes CANNOT participate on a NON-SCHOOL sponsored soccer team concurrently with the regular soccer season.

Athletes are allowed to participate in other school-sanctioned sports during the soccer season. However, this practice is highly discouraged. Dual-sports in one season will cause fatigue, which leads to injury. Athletes who choose this option must understand that splitting time may affect soccer team participation and lead to increased fatigue in their growing bodies.

Your choice to participate in more than one Fall sport communicates that you are not committed to soccer, and this could reflect on your success as well as your playing time.

## Section 11: Disciplinary Plan

The purpose of any disciplinary plan is to maintain a working environment that will allow all athletes to participate and advance their skills. This handbook does not supersede or replace any District or School disciplinary policies.

DISCIPLINE PLAN	
INFRACTION	CONSEQUENCE
Physical after first day of practice	10 field sprints/day
Tardy to practice	10 field sprints
Missing practice- Excused	6 field sprints
Missing practice- Unexcused (up to two missed practice in a practice week)	20 field sprints/per absence

Missing practice- Unexcused (three or more missed practices in a practice week)	20 field sprints per absence and the loss of next scheduled event
Poor sportsmanship at school activities- First offense	20 field sprints
Poor Sportsmanship at school activities- Second offense	30 field sprints and loss of next scheduled event
Poor Sportsmanship at school activities- Third offense	Discuss actions with athlete, parents and administration and loss of scheduled events for the remainder of the season.

Poor Sportsmanship Definition: Disrespect towards coaches, team, and school. Disregard for team, school and sports rules.

Excessive inappropriate behavior will be discussed with the athletic director to determine possible dismissal from the team.

## Section 12: Varsity Lettering

Earning a Varsity letter is an honor. Athletes eligible for a Varsity letter have met the following criteria:

- Completes the season (athletes who are injured or ill may have this requirement waived)
- Maintaining academic eligibility
- Played at least 15 minutes of a Varsity-designated game (if you suited up but didn't play, you are not eligible for a letter).

## Section 13: Injuries

Each athlete will have submitted medical insurance coverage information to the Athletic Director when the physical was remitted.

If a team members is injured the District's athletic trainer will determine if he can continue to participate or when he should see a physician. If a physician is seen, a release form from the physician will be necessary before he can resume soccer activities.

## Exhibit 1: Agreement by Athletes & Parents

I understand the rules and regulations set up for Warrior Soccer Team members and we agree to abide by them as long as the student is a member of the SHS Soccer Team. I understand that the rules and regulations apply to the season and off-season.

Signature of Athlete

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (athlete name) does have parental/guardian consent to participation in the SHS Boys Warrior Soccer 2017 season and off-season. We have read the team regulations and will assist in every way to see that they are enforced. We are aware of the contents of the regulations, the responsibilities of the parents, the practices and fundraisers expected of the student athletes. While we expect school authorities to exercise reasonable precaution to avoid injury, we understand that they assume no financial obligation for any injury that may occur. Further, we understand that all athletes will be taken to and from all out of town trips by school transportation and accompanied by the coaching team.

We as parent/legal guardians certify by this statement our son/daughter has no medical or physical problem that would prevent him from fully completing the requirements demanded of a soccer player and/or endangering himself or his teammates.

We understand our athlete is responsible for raising a pre-determined amount of money for each fundraiser.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit 2: Parent/Student/Coach Agreement

It is understood that the SHS Warrior Soccer team member and his parents are RESPONSIBLE for raising a predetermined amount of money, set by the Coach for each selected fundraiser. A team member is expected to participate FULLY in fundraising projects.

Extended transportation is NOT provided by SCSD; however SCSD policies and procedures for transporting students must be followed.

Cost of uniforms, equipment outside of what is issued by the coach will be the sole responsibility of each team member and his parents.

All fundraising must have prior approval of the athletic director. A required amount will be set for each member per fundraiser. The PARENT has the final responsibility for monies not raised.

All members will have to take a physical and return the completed SCSD physical form. Please note: Insurance coverage is MANDATORY.

Members will follow all rules and regulations.

We the undersigned have read and understand the above agreement.

Athlete Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Head Coach Signature

Date

## Athlete Contract

An athlete who has had flagrant misconduct during the season may be placed on contract as a warning to their actions. Once the athlete has been placed on contract they are responsible for maintaining the validity of said contract. If the athlete breaks their contract they can be removed from the team. Misconduct violations will result in reprimand which depends on the violation. Flagrant misconduct violations are listed below:

- Disrespect to coaches, teachers or teammates
- Disrespect of school
- Unsportsmanlike violations
- Absences
- Stealing
- Destruction of property
- Drugs or Alcohol

First Offense

Subsequent Offense

Athlete may be removed from the team and may be placed on a contract the following year if said athlete is eligible and chooses to participate in soccer the following year.

Student Pledge

I will enforce the SHS soccer team contract. I understand that if I violate said contract I can and will be excused from the team and will be required to return all said items on the checkout list. If said items are not returned or returned in poor shape I will be responsible for paying for said items. If items are not paid for I will be prevented from participating on any athletic or academic activities until said items have been paid for.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_