



# VESTAVIA HILLS SOCCER CLUB



## CLUB POLICY ON (1) PARTICIPATION IN SOCCER ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF CLUB TEAMS; (2) GUEST PLAYING; AND (3) PARTICIPATION IN OTHER SPORTS

### 1. Participation in Soccer Activities Outside of Club Teams.

Vestavia Hills Soccer Club supports and encourages the participation of our players on high school teams for u15 and older, in State Select (ODP) and other activities that lead to the development of its players and the all around improvement of and support for soccer in the state of Alabama.

Any decision on participation in soccer activities outside of Club teams is made by the parent and the player, taking into account all financial and personal implications and the goals and objectives of that player.

For u13 and u14 players, participating in high school soccer is not allowed. When you make a u13 or u14 competitive team, you are expected to participate in the full fall and full spring seasons. Any individuals who decide to forgo club soccer in the spring to play high school will still be responsible for all team and club fees.

For u15 and older, if the individuals on a Club team decide to forego participation on their high school teams in the spring season, this is an individual decision made by the parents and players on that particular team, independently of the Club. It is not a decision that is being made by the Club. Further, no player will be discriminated against during tryouts, the competitive team selection process or during the season on the basis of whether the player decides to play or decides not to play on high school or ODP teams.

Any member of a team that decides as a group not to participate on their high school teams must understand that he/she and his/her parents are responsible for all the possible effects of such a decision, including extra costs, travel, and possible disadvantages to the player's future participation on a high school team at a later date, so that there are no repercussions against the team, the coach or the team manager at a later date. The Vestavia Hills Soccer Club "*Parent Disclosure and Acceptance Form*" is to be signed by all players and parents of such team. The disclosure will also state that there will be no negative repercussions from the Club to a player who decides not to participate in the team's decision and who decides to play high school soccer instead. The Club will not be responsible for any disadvantages to players regarding any eligibility issues that may arise as a result of their decision.

**2. Guest Playing for another team (Vestavia or non-Vestavia).**

Please note that any player who is invited to guest play should notify his/her regular team coach and team manager as well as the Director of Coaching ("DOC"). A player may only guest play at times when there are no conflicts with his/her regular team's activities. The DOC or the team coach reserves the right to refuse the request if it is not in the best interests of the VHSC team. The player is responsible for completing the appropriate paperwork, getting signatures and paying for any costs involved.

**Special Note:** It is Club policy that **only** the Executive Director, Director of Coaching and the Registrar's signatures are acceptable on the guest player forms. The coach or team manager's signature alone is not sufficient.

**3. Participation in Other Sports during the Club Soccer Season:**

Players in the U11 through U14 age groups should inform the Director of Coaching if they plan to participate in another sport during the fall or the spring soccer seasons. The Club is open to working with players participating in other sports. The Director of Coaching will discuss each player's situation on a case-by-case basis with the parent to decide on the best solution for the player and for the team.