



# VESTAVIA HILLS SOCCER CLUB



## POLICY FOR PLAYERS FROM OUTSIDE THE BIRMINGHAM METRO AREA

Players from outside the Birmingham Metro area have been members of many of VHSC's most successful teams over the years. VHSC has historically selected players for its competitive program based on their abilities, irrespective of where they happen to reside. In addition, VHSC forms teams that include players from different high schools due to the fact that Alabama High School Athletic Association rules prohibit more than 6 players from a specific high school from playing together on a single Club team. Where player numbers allow, the Club always attempts to field more than one competitive team per age group so as to provide a place for as many high school players to play while maintaining their high school eligibility. However, no player will be denied a position on a VHSC team due to the 6 man rule. It is a player's responsibility to maintain high school eligibility if they desire.

Players from outside the Birmingham Metro area are required to attend at least one practice per week with their team in Birmingham, and to train independently or with a group for the second mid-week session. In areas where the number of players reach a critical mass, VHSC will make (and has done so in the past) arrangements for group training sessions. The Club recognizes that a player who plays on a team far from home makes a number of sacrifices to do so. His/her participation on such as team obviously carries benefits for that individual player, but also the other team members are beneficiaries too as the team as a whole is a stronger entity if it has the most committed and most talented players on its roster. This is the reason the Club tries to assist these players by providing a group session where possible to cut down on the travel during the week when it is important to complete home work assignments. **It is important to note that this policy does not affect players in the Birmingham Metro area who will continue to tryout and train with their teams on local fields.**

It has always been the policy of VHSC to find a place for every player to play at his/her level. The Club will form as many competitive teams as possible in each age group as long as there are enough players of the appropriate ability level available.