

Greetings Wolf Pack Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017 season of Wolves Soccer! My name is Coach Kent and for the last two years I've coached varsity and JV boys and girls soccer teams at Hazel Wolf. Prior to that I spent three years as head coach at Orca, assisted at St Paul's, and for the Starfire youth indoor league. I'm looking forward to another great season with the Wolves boy's team. Coach Cooper, who coached with me last spring will unfortunately not be available due to an extremely full schedule.

Practices will begin March 14th, and be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 at Northgate Elementary. The address is 11725 1 Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. 98125. Players should plan on meeting me at Hazel Wolf at 3:15, and the team will run as a group to the practice field at 3:30. The team will have to make their own way to the field, (per district policy coaches are not allowed to transport students.) However, I will be following them by car to make sure they arrive safely. Players will have the option of putting their backpacks, etc., in my car and I will transport them to the field along with the team equipment. **If any parents or guardians are available to help transport equipment and/or players to the practice field, it would be GREATLY appreciated. Likewise, if anyone is willing to generally help out before, during, or after practices, that would also be much appreciated. If you are able to help with transportation, plan on meeting us at Hazel Wolf between 3:15 and 3:30.** If you don't think you'll have time, or won't have time on a regular basis, feel free to drop by practices when you can. Parents and guardians are always welcome to observe. After practice ends, players need to be picked up at the field, unless other arrangements have been made. If for any reason you are unable to pick up your player on time, or if someone else is picking them up, please let me, Chrys Hunstiger, or the school office staff know as soon as possible. (My contact information is at the bottom of this letter.) I will stay after practice until all of the boys have been picked up, or have been otherwise accounted for.

Players will need to show up with properly fitting shin guards, appropriate shoes, (preferably cleats) soccer or work out clothing and water bottles. For games, players also need to provide black shorts and socks. If your player is a goalkeeper, I would like them to bring gloves to practices and games. The school provides soccer balls, but if your player has one, (size 5) I encourage them to bring it with them. Jerseys are provided by the school. Participants will need to sign a contract stating they will have to pay for jerseys that are damaged or not returned. Goalkeepers are free to bring their own jerseys for games.

Hazel Wolf policy states that participants in school athletics maintain a C- or better in each class in order to play. **Each week there will be a grade check that the players are responsible for. Grade checks are due each Wednesday by 4:30.** If a student's grades fall below a C- in any class, they will need to attend homework club, or get extra help during study halls or at the end of the day. If you choose to hold your player to different standards and/or consequences, please let me or Chrys Hunstiger know as soon as possible so there aren't any unexpected absences on game day. In the unlikely event of suspensions or other disciplinary actions, those players will not be permitted to play.

Games are played on Saturdays. **Players are to arrive at the field one hour prior to match start. They should be in full kit, (including shin guards and appropriate shoes, with watches, jewelry, etc., removed) and fully ready to begin warm up 45 minutes before each game.** If you have a schedule conflict, family event, or vacation plans that may cause your player to arrive late to or miss a game, please

let me know as early as possible so I can make line up adjustments. The final game schedule should be available after the district coaches meeting on March 7th. However, it is not unusual for revisions to be made afterwards. We will get copies of the schedule and any revisions to parents and guardians as soon as we can. They will also be made available online.

Lastly, as we had a heavily 8th grade team last spring, we would like players, parents, and guardians to help bring in new talent. If your player has a friend at Hazel Wolf on their select team, or a classmate who just likes to play, get them to show up for the players meeting on Friday, February 17th.

If you have any questions, feel free to call, text, or email.

GO WOLVES!!!

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