

Raiders Commitment Policy

Parents of new and returning players,

I'd like to take this opportunity to make our position clear on the commitment level expected of all players in the Russell rep program. While we fully understand that most players also play a winter sport it is expected that once the soccer season starts, soccer becomes the main priority.

Our season runs from mid-April when the fields open to the end of August when the final league games are played. There are usually 2 practices and one game per week and 2 -4 tournaments throughout the season.

We expect players to attend 80% of their game and practice schedule. Coaches/team managers will be asked to keep attendance so that this can be tracked by the club. Rep soccer is a team effort and we cannot field competitive teams if players are constantly missing practices and games due to over commitment to more than one sport. Russell offers an amazing House League program for those players wishing to keep conditioned between spring and winter sports.

If you are planning an extended holiday for 3 or more weeks during the regular season then rep soccer may not be for you. If coaches notice extended absences they will be instructed to inform myself and Peter Gray, the director of Rep soccer, and we will discuss the change in circumstance with the parents in question.

Remember soccer is a team sport that relies on the commitment of every player. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at your convenience.

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