

## **Kealing Middle School Girls Soccer Code of Conduct**

In accordance with AISD Athletic Department Vision, the mission is to create an environment that fosters mutual respect, integrity, quality, and a commitment to excellence through competitive athletics that instill the lifelong values of teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship in the student-athlete so that they may be productive members of society.

The mission of Kealing Girls Soccer is in harmony with this vision, and communication and conflict resolution are an important part of being on the soccer team.

### **Goal of the Kealing Athletic Department**

- Provide a positive experience for our student athletes in their quest to learn and grow in the classroom, athletic arena, or other extra-curricular activities.
- Teach the value of hard work and dedication through the experience of working on a team.
- Promote a growth-mindset that encourages student-athletes to continue to work hard even if past attempts have not led to the success they seek. All students can grow and improve in their sport.
- Focus on improvement in the areas that we can control as individuals and as a team.
- Provide opportunities for our student athletes to grow and mature as leaders on our campus and into the future.

### **Kealing Athletic Code of Conduct:**

Participation in AISD athletics is a privilege. Students who have been given this opportunity to represent their school in athletic activity will be held to a high standard of behavior.

Student athletes will follow the discipline policy of AISD, as well as the expectations outlined in Kealing Student Handbook. The Kealing Athletic Department has specified rules and guidelines that are to be followed to maintain and support athletic performance, fair play, and good sportsmanship.

### **Expectations for Players from Coaches**

*It is expected that Kealing girls soccer players will:*

1. Behave in a manner that represents KMS, their team, and their community in a positive manner.
2. Treat teachers, school administrators, coaches and teammates with respect in both word and actions.
3. Abide by the standards of sportsmanship as established by the UIL Sportsmanship manual.
4. Attend all practices and games and communicate to the coaches if unable to attend.
  - a. Players who are missing practice due to club team soccer practice are only permitted to miss one practice a week, but this is not recommended.
  - b. Girls should keep in mind that playing time during the game is determined by performance during practices and what is best for the team. Therefore, the more often the players practice together, the better they will perform as a team come game day.
5. Treat opponents, other team's coaches, and other players with respect. Refrain from taunting or making derogatory/vulgar remarks to opponents.
6. Make their best effort as individuals with the team's welfare as their priority.
7. Be punctual to all practices and games. This means that girls should be dressed and on the field ready to practice no later than 3PM on practice days. Players should arrive at least 30 minutes before a game in proper uniform and attire. If something occurs that is out of the player's control, she should message the coaches immediately.

8. Know that playing time is based on a number of factors. Coaches will work to balance competition and player development, so playing time will vary between players and between games.
9. Achieve in the classroom to the best of their abilities. Middle schools must abide by the UIL No Pass - No Play rule.
10. Be responsible for and return any equipment issued for athletic participation.

Student-athletes may be removed from team activities based on violation of these rules. Coaches will work with Kealing Administration to make decisions that are in the best interest of the individual student athlete as well as the good of the whole team.

**Parent Expectations for Coaches**

*Parents should expect the following from their child's coach:*

1. A schedule of all practices and games for your child's team. This can be found at <https://kmsgirlssoccer.weebly.com/>
2. Communication concerning the expectations the coach has for all members of the team.
3. Communication concerning an injury at practice or game.
4. Positive interaction with your child that is focused on developing her skills and confidence.
5. Decision making that is based on what is best for the entire team. This includes team strategy, playing time, and play calling.

**Communication Coaches Expect from Parents**

*Coaches expect parents to:*

1. Share any questions or concerns with the coach. Responses should be expected during Monday through Friday work hours. We unplug after games!
2. Encourage the student-athlete to speak with coaches about her growth and development or any concerns that may arise.
3. Notify the coaches about any schedule conflict for a practice or game well in advance.
4. Remain positive and supportive at Kealing games. Respect for opponents and officials is important in creating a positive playing environment for all of our athletes.

-----**RETURN PORTION BELOW TOMORROW**-----

**Please sign this form and return it to your child's coach by the next practice.**

*We have read and agree to the above code of conduct.*

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Student signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian signature

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Date