



Covenant Central Sports

Competitive Sports for Home Educated Athletes

Junior Varsity Welcome Letter 2010-11

Welcome to Covenant Central Sports' (CCS') Junior Varsity (JV) Soccer Cougars. We are delighted to have you be part of the CCS program. The JV squad's mission is developmental. Among the many benefits of fielding a JV team are focused training, increased playing opportunities, and leadership development the Cougar players. The following offers a synopsis of who we are and what we hope to accomplish.

We hope you have read our Family Information Letter. There we explain a bit of how we came to be the CCS Cougars and our vision for the program. The letter is available on our website: www.CovenantCentralSports.com. As we noted in that letter, we want to maintain a winning team. Our junior varsity program is a huge part of the plan. The primary goal of the JV program is to develop players and prepare them to compete at the varsity level. Therefore, the emphasis is on skills development, team play and competitiveness. This is NOT to say that we don't play to win, but rather to emphasize that our focus is to be long term winners.

Therefore, we presently have a "no-cut" policy for the JV squad. CCS JV is open to all CCS Family players who are 6th grade and above AND have reached their 12th birthday on or prior to November 1st of the year prior to the Spring season. [All players must be 12 years of age prior to beginning formal conditioning program.] This "no-cut" policy does not mean that everyone will earn equal playing time. After all, this is not a recreational team. But we do make to the new JV the same promise we make to all our players: we pledge to give every player equal opportunity to improve his skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. We can ensure that players who commit to fully participate and put in the effort *will* improve their skills, and will likely earn increased playing time.

As addressed in the aforementioned letter, players and families should understand that participation in CCS Soccer requires a high level commitment of time and money. In order to field a winning team, we must work together as a team: train as a team and play as a team. Players are expected to attend ALL practices and games, unless providentially hindered. Players who fail to attend scheduled games *may* forfeit their player bond, if absence is due to player neglect. [see the *Player Bond Policy*, available on CCS web page.] Last year no player forfeited his player bond—and that's our goal. We want players to *want* to be committed to CCS, and to prioritize their participation as a Cougar. The player bond is designed to emphasize this point.

The cost of fielding the teams exceeds \$150 per player, plus uniforms. For accounting purposes, our costs are generally divided into categories of player fees, uniform expenses, and player bonds. The actual cost to player families is dependent upon the success of fund raising activities. This year we have integrated registration and a major fundraiser in an effort to simplify the process and lighten the administrative burden. Our goal remains to keep the cost per player below \$100, not including uniforms. Attaining this goal requires a group effort fundraising and seeking sponsors/patrons. In the previous three years we have been blessed to accomplish this goal. (*see Admin Form 3-JV for details regarding uniform fees*)

Last year we enjoyed great success both on and off the field. Our success was made possible, in part, by the outstanding work and cooperation of all involved with the program. We look forward to continuing to build this winning tradition. Our goal is to provide opportunity of the home educated athletes in our area. We strive to do all that we do "...to the glory of God."