

SSA Boys' Soccer Program Participants,

I wanted to first take a minute to introduce myself. I'm Ed Ellsworth, and I've been a full-time soccer coach for 21 years. I currently hold a USSF B license as well as a NSCAA Premier Diploma. I played at Pine-Richland and collegiately at LaRoche College.

As representatives of this fine institution, our staff will expect all players to hold themselves to the highest standards. We will be a student first, an athlete second. As such, all players' academics will be monitored to make sure they are keeping up with their schoolwork. Our players will be expected to be respectful and successful in the classroom. On the field we will expect our players to treat opponents, referees, coaches, teammates, and fans with respect and dignity. We must never lose sight that our actions reflect positively or negatively on Shady Side Academy, its students, faculty, etc.

All players aspiring to participate on the varsity team will be expected to attend all practices, meetings and games unless otherwise excused by the staff or administration. Players must be at class on game day to participate in the match.

Players will always be expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the SSA student handbook. As we enter a new section and new classification, we are excited at the new challenges: At SSA we strive for excellence, and I'm sure you will meet our team's high standards.

There will be a soccer camp offered by the varsity coaches from July 28-30 at Edinboro University. Forms for the camp can be acquired by contacting me. Our first preseason practice is August 12th. We will pass out an offseason workout plan, team training and game schedule, code of conduct and other pertinent documents shortly by means of the team captain(s). We look forward to a successful season of soccer, and I personally look forward to meeting each and every player. If you have any questions regarding preseason or camp at Edinboro University, please feel free to send me a note at efejr@hotmail.com or call me at 724-561-8361.

As the 2-time defending WPIAL champions, we know there will be pressure to defend our title. With hard work and dedication to excellence, we will surely meet the challenge.

Ed Ellsworth
Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach