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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Off Season Training**

* January – May: Tuesday/Thursday 5:45p-6:45p, starting January 7
* June: fitness and open field, see calendar for dates
* Official practice starts June 30
* Please refer to the calendar

**Summer Showcase**

* Braves Showcase: July 19-20 at Olentangy HS
* Schedule will come out in late June but expect a morning and afternoon game each day

**Tryouts**

* Tryouts will be held August 1– 2, please refer to calendar for dates and locations
* We will keep 16-20 girls on each team
* Freshman CAN make varsity
* Juniors will not be on JVB, and seniors will not be on JVA or JVB
* Teams will be announced on the evening of August 2
* The coaching staff will meet 1-on-1 with each player to go over goals and expectations
* Mandatory training begins August 4
* All forms (including an updated physical) must be completed by August 1 to tryout
* Forms/links can be found on the website

**Youth Camp (K-8)**

* June 9-10 from 6p-8p at the stadium
* Youth camp will be hosted by the girls’ program only
* All players are also asked to volunteer

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**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

**Leadership Council (LC)**

* Players in grades 10-12 will be nominated after discussion with coaching staff
* Program votes on players they want to lead the program
* Between 6-8 players are selected
* Each player selected receives a yearly leadership project within the program
* LC meets 1x/month during off season and 1x/week during the season
* Players nominated but not selected will receive a group project to work on together

**Big Sister/Little Sister**

* All incoming freshmen will be assigned a “Big Sister” from the junior or senior class

**Team Bonding**

* Members of the LC help to plan events throughout the year
* It is encouraged that you participate
* Details will be sent out in advance

**Practice Kit**

* All players will be issued 2 practice kits; 2 tops, 2 shorts, 2 socks
* This should be worn to every training
* The coaching staff will communicate what players should wear each day
* Each family will have the option to purchase more items

**Uniforms**

* All players will be issued multiple uniform items for the use of the season
* All items must be returned after the season during one of the uniform return times
* There will be a fee for any lost/damaged item

**Practice**

* All teams will practice or have a game M-F during the regular season
* A Saturday practice may be added at the discretion of the coaching staff
* JVA and varsity will have 2-3 Saturday games

**Games**

* Game schedule will be posted on the team calendar
* JV games during the week start at 530pm; Varsity games start at 715pm (Saturday game times differ)
* HOME GAMES: JVA must stay for the 1st half of the varsity game; varsity attends the 1st half of JVA
* AWAY GAMES: All players must ride the bus to the game with the team; bus times will be communicated ahead of time. Everyone is also expected to ride the bus home with the team as well. If there is a reason this cannot happen, the parent/guardian must email Coach Evans 24-hours in advance. JVA players may leave at halftime of the varsity game if they were signed out correctly. If there is an emergency or one-off situation where a player must leave unexpectedly, the parent/guardian can message the Coach Evans via remind

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**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**Social Media Policy**

* The use of email messages, text messages, blogs, websites, or other electronic communications to make inflammatory or derogatory comments, and/or inappropriate descriptions or pictures regarding another team member, another student, a coach, another school or team, or other staff member is strictly prohibited.  For the purposes of this policy, inappropriate comments may include, but are not limited to, inappropriate comments/pictures/descriptions regarding another person’s race, ethnic background, culture, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. Any violation of our social media policy may result in disciplinary action.

**Playing Time**

* While we try to teach the players to focus on progress and development beyond the results of a game, we must recognize that by the time players reach the high school level of competition, the results are important. Therefore, we will try to put the best possible team on the field. Not everyone will play or play equally at the varsity level. The coaching staff may exercise the option of moving a player(s) up or down for a game(s). This is nothing more than allowing players to get actual playing time; it is not a punishment if moving down for a game. All JVA and JVB players will play in every game, but their playing time will not be equal.

**Lettering and Team Awards**

* Players will receive a varsity letter based on their playing time and decisions by the coaching staff; players must make an appearance in 50% of regular season varsity games to earn a letter for that season. Special circumstances will be handled individually by the coaching staff. End of season awards will be determined by teammates, coaching staff, opposing coaches and/or administrators.

**Coaching Staff Communication**

* If a player needs to contact a coach at any time, PLEASE USE THE REMIND APP (NO TEXTING).
* Questions about playing time, role and/or goals will be conducted in person between the player and coach.
* The coach will follow-up with the player to check progress of goals set during meeting. If a parent/guardian needs to be involved after that point, the coach will reach out to schedule a time to meet. The meeting will include 2 coaches, the player and parent/guardian. There will be no meetings before or after a game; we will allow 24 hours to pass before talking.
* **Issues that are appropriate concerns for a parent to discuss with the coaching staff**
  + Treatment of your child; mentally or physically
  + Concerns about your child’s behavior
* **Issues that are not appropriate concerns for a parent to discuss with the coaching staff**
  + Playing time
  + Strategy
  + Other team members

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**COACHING STAFF**

Varsity Head Coach: Matt Evans

Varsity Assistant/ Forwards: Alex Stein

Varsity Assistant/ Midfielders: Bailey Zanella

JVA Head/ Goalkeepers: Phil Rothgeb

JVB Head/ Defenders: Cierra Clemons

**COMMUNICATION**

Team Website: https://www.ladybravessoccer.com/

Team Twitter: @tangywsoc

Coach Evans email: [matthew\_evans@olsd.us](mailto:matthew_evans@olsd.us)

Remind Code: @ladybrave1

**BOOSTERS**

President: Meredith Moore

Vice President: Sean Apke

Treasurer: Nicole Kolberg

Secretary: Nicole Carleton

**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

Addy Hanlon

Addy Moore

Brielle Apke

Caiya Clemons

Camila Taylor

Kate Ulrich

Peyton Kolberg