

# *Santa Rosa County School Board*



Regular Meeting  
Second and/or Fourth  
Thursday of each month

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**Superintendent**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 17, 2019

**TO:** Tim Wyrosdick  
Superintendent  
Santa Rosa County District Schools

**FROM:** Bill Emerson  
Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Additional Soccer and Volleyball Supplements

Mr. Wyrosdick,

I have received two letters in support of adding a Varsity Assistant Coach supplement for Boys' and Girls' Soccer. The rationale is that basketball has the Varsity Assistant Coach position and Soccer is comparable in the number of athletes participating, number of contests, Field/court preparation, securing officials, and fundraising needs. As I reviewed the request, I realized Volleyball would also qualify under this rationale. I therefore recommend that we add a Varsity Assistant Coaching supplement to Volleyball, Girls' Soccer, and Boys' Soccer effective immediately.

Sincerely,

William S. Emerson

# NAVARRE HIGH SCHOOL



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September 4, 2019

Re: Soccer coaching supplements

Mr. Emerson, in lieu of recent events dealing with coaching supplements in Santa Rosa County. I am writing on behalf of the four soccer playing schools in the county (Gulf Breeze, Milton, Navarre and Pace), to formally ask the Superintendent of schools and the School Board to add an assistant coach supplement to our sport for both the boys and girls. Santa Rosa County currently allots soccer three coaching supplements; head, JV, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Our request is to amend that to read; head, assistant, JV, and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Soccer is one of four collision contact sports offered by Santa Rosa County Schools. To compare with the sport of basketball (which is a contact sport, but not defined as a collision sport such as soccer), which as four coaching supplements (head, assistant, JV, and 9<sup>th</sup>). Please do not take the following comparison in any way a negative slight towards the basketball programs (their coaches, players, parents) in our county. Basketball is permitted a maximum roster of 15 players, with five on the court at a time. Basketball is played indoors under controlled conditions on a court 94 feet x 50 feet. The sport of basketball has positions such as; center, forward, and guard with specialized roles and skill sets that differ from the other positions to all work within the framework of the team. Soccer is permitted a maximum of 25 players on the roster, with 11 on the field at a time. Soccer is played outdoors under greatly varying weather conditions of our Florida winter. The field size varies from a minimum of 100 yards x 55 yards to a maximum of 120 yards x 80 yards. Soccer's 11 players are in positions such as; forward, midfield, defense, and goalkeeper. Those positions are further separated by position on the field; left, center, right. Each position and field reference in turn mandates specialized roles and skillsets apart from the others.

The role of a coach is the same for soccer as it is for basketball as it is for golf. We are there to ensure the safety of our student-athletes, while promoting and teaching the sport and all its specific points. In process we have the honor of molding and shaping the young lives of those children that are entrusted to our care as we compete at the highest level in the State of Florida that we can in the goal of winning a State Championship. If you sit down and chat with any of Santa Rosa County's wonderful soccer coaches, they can provide you a list of everything we do at our training sessions, video sessions, meetings, pregame, half-time, post-game chats to confirm the absolute need for quality assistant coaches in our programs. Santa Rosa County is already providing the level of supervision that we are requesting for a sport that has less players, on a smaller playing surface in controlled conditions. Soccer is the only collision sport offered Santa Rosa County Schools that does not provide for an assistant coach for the program. Our hope is that you understand and ultimately agree with our position and can make this change as soon as possible. Soccer tryouts begin on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your time in dealing with this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me further to discuss this topic.

Sincerely,

Rob Simon  
Head Coach Girls Soccer

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Head Coach Boys Soccer

Scott Murphy  
Athletic Director

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## **PACE HIGH SCHOOL**

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Assistant Principal

September 9, 2019

RE: Soccer coaching supplements

Mr. Emerson, Pace High School is on the same page with Navarre, Milton, and Gulf Breeze about adding 1 supplement each for boys' and girls' soccer. We feel the total number of students with 2 teams and the nature of the sport would warrant another paid coach for safety reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Charlie Warner*

Charlie Warner  
Athletic Director  
Pace High School



# GULF BREEZE HIGH SCHOOL

**Daniel F. Brothers**  
Principal

**Patrick Keen**  
Assistant Principal  
**Victoria Baker**  
Assistant Principal  
**Jon Watts**  
Assistant Principal

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September 5, 2019

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Austin King  
Head Coach Boys Soccer

Ryan Williams  
Head Coach Girls Soccer

Matt Alt  
Athletic Director

Danny Brothers  
Principal

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