



## 2019 Portage Central Men's Soccer

### Portage Central Athletic Department

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### Calendar of Events

#### **Jun 17 – Aug 3      Captain-Led, Drop-In Training Sessions & Pick-Up Games**

Day, time and location TBD

#### **Jul 1-5                MHSAA dead week > no conditioning, training or games**

#### **Jul 8 – Aug 1        Pre-Season Conditioning with Next Level Performance**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:30-11:30am @ The Stable

#### **Jul 22-25            Western Michigan Team Camp > Freshmen & Sophomores**

Waldo Stadium, Seelye Indoor Center and WMU Soccer Complex – times TBD

<http://www.wmusocccamps.com/mens-high-school-commuter-team-camp.cfm>

#### **Jul 29-31            EDGE Elite Team Camp > Juniors & Seniors**

4:30-9:30pm at Christian Athletic Complex (3450 36<sup>th</sup> St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512)

- These are all optional. All players are expected to arrive at try-outs in peak physical condition. Participation is highly encouraged as schedules permit.
- The player cost for Next Level is \$50/each for the full 4 week session.
- WMU Team Camp is \$99/player
- EDGE Elite Team Camp is \$95/player

#### **Aug 12-13            Try-outs (2 days) - 6-8pm at Ramona Park**

- If you have a vacation conflict that cannot not be resolved, please contact Coach Rice no later than June 10th to arrange an alternate try-out.
- Final JV and Varsity roster selections will be finalized by Tuesday evening.
- Register for try-outs on our website [www.pcsoccer.org](http://www.pcsoccer.org)
- All players must have a current (dated 4/15/19 or after) **physical** on file in the Athletics Office prior to try-outs. The form is available at [www.pcmustangsports.com](http://www.pcmustangsports.com).
  - Physicals will be offered for **\$25** at Portage Central from **5:30-7:00pm** on **Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** in the Athletic Wing.

- All new PC athletes (and parent) must attend an **Athletic Code of Conduct** session. Topics covered include:
  - Requirements for athletic participation
  - Eligibility standards – MHSAA and Portage Public Schools
  - Pay-to-Participate requirements
  - Concussion Education/Management Protocol and IMPACT testing
  - Use of Illegal Substances

#### What to Expect at Try-outs

- Fitness > on day 1, all athletes are expected to complete a timed 2-mile run under 13 minutes.
- The balance of tryouts will include ball skills, small-sided scrimmages and full-field scrimmages.
- Seniors, Juniors & returning Varsity players will begin with Varsity. Sophomores and incoming Freshmen will begin with JV. Players will move between fields as coaches see fit.
- Final rosters will be communicated to players Tuesday night. Varsity players will have a team dinner immediately following team selection (details TBD).

### **MHSSA Pre-Season Begins!**

**Wed, Aug 14**

**Practice and uniform sign-out** (time/location TBD)

- White kit, blue kit, warm-up top, backpack, stadium jacket (Varsity only)
- All players will sign-out their uniform. *Any missing items at the end of the season will be billed out at full replacement cost.*
- Spiritwear will be available for purchase online (optional).

**Thu, Aug 15**

**Practice** – 6-8pm @ Ramona Park

**Fri, Aug 16**

**Team Pictures** – Time & Location TBD

**PC Men's Soccer Boosters Annual All-Team Meeting**

- All families attend (bring your calendars and checkbooks)
- Paperwork, Team Fees, Spiritwear, Volunteer sign-ups

**JBM Field Clean-Up** @ Portage Soccer Complex

**Sat, Aug 17**

**Justin Bailey Memorial Shootout @ Portage Community Soccer Complex**

Portage Central and Portage Northern alternate hosting duties for this pre-season tournament. In 2011, the tournament was renamed in honor of Justin Bailey, a former Portage Northern player killed by a drunk driver earlier that year.

Portage Central is honored to host the JBM Shootout in odd-years. It is a significant source of income for the program and requires the participation of the entire program to make it a success! Please mark your calendars and be prepared to volunteer throughout the day.

**Week of Aug 19**

**MHSAA Season Begins!**

**Regular Season Practices** – 6-8pm @ Ramona Park

- Away games > All Varsity players ride the bus to and from the game. JV players may ride home with a parent following half-time of the Varsity match, provided they've notified Coach Rungaitis. Meals provided for JBM and all away games (covered in Team Fees)
- Home games > Varsity players arrive no later than the start of JV game. JV players leave no sooner than halftime of Varsity game.

### Fri, Aug 30 – Sat, Aug 31 TC West Invitational

- Varsity only
- We will play 2 non-conference games in Traverse City (7pm Friday night and 2pm Saturday)
- Boys will stay at Great Wolf Lodge Friday night
- Itinerary TBD, but we will leave Friday morning

Date	Opponent	Varsity (W-L-D)	JV (W-L-D)
Sat Aug 17	<i>Justin Bailey Memorial Tournament</i>	TBD	TBD
Tue Aug 20	@ New Buffalo	Will Not Play	TBD
Thu Aug 22	@ Loy Norrix (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Wed Aug 28	@ Mattawan (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Fri Aug 30	<i>Grand Haven @ Traverse City West</i>	TBD	Will Not Play
Sat Aug 31	<i>St. Edwards (OH) @ Traverse City West</i>	TBD	Will Not Play
Tue Sep 3	@ Kalamazoo Central (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Thu Sep 5	NILES (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Sat Sep 7	@ Detroit Catholic Central	7:00pm	5:30pm
Tue Sep 10	ST JOSEPH (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Thu Sep 12	EAST KENTWOOD	6:30pm	5:00pm
Tue Sep 17	PORTAGE NORTHERN (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Thu Sep 19	LAKESHORE (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Sat Sep 21	@ Plymouth	5:30pm	4:00pm
Tue Sep 24	BATTLE CREEK LAKEVIEW (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Thu Sep 26	@ Gull Lake (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Tue Oct 1	BATTLE CREEK CENTRAL (C)	6:30pm	5:00pm
Thu Oct 3	<i>SMAC Conference Semi-Final</i>	TBD	TBD
Tue Oct 8	<i>SMAC Conference Final</i>	TBD	TBD
Thu Oct 10	<i>MHSAA District Quarter-Final</i>	TBD	Will Not Play
Tue Oct 15	<i>MHSAA District Semi Final</i>	TBA	Will Not Play
Thu Oct 17	<i>MHSAA District Final</i>	TBD	Will Not Play
Tue Oct 22	<i>MHSAA Regional Semi</i>	TBD	Will Not Play
Thu Oct 24	<i>MHSAA Regional Final</i>	TBD	Will Not Play
Wed Oct 30	<i>MHSAA State Semi Finals</i>	TDB	Will Not Play
Sat Nov 2	<i>MHSAA State Finals</i>	TBD	Will Not Play

### Financial Expectations

- Pay-to-Participate (PPS)
  - \$150/student (\$275 Family Cap) > pay via Skyward after team rosters are named
  - Financial assistance available – [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com)
- Team Fees (PC Men's Soccer)
  - Approximately \$125/player (TBC prior to All-Team Annual Meeting) includes:
    - Team socks (\$40), training jersey (\$20) and away meals (\$60)
  - Financial assistance is available
- Other
  - Team Pictures (optional) > packages are ~\$15/each
  - Home Game Program > \$25 min (optional)
  - Game day > \$5/person for all games



## PC Men's Soccer Boosters

The PC Men's Soccer Boosters provides support to the program and coaching staff in a variety of ways (volunteer, financial and administrative). The Varsity trip to Traverse City, coach development/training, equipment, Next Level Performance, JV team-building, Senior Night, various Student Spirit activities, post-season away meals and the End of Season Banquet are all Booster-funded. We also help fund capital projects.

There are numerous opportunities to support the program and we welcome your time, talent and treasures!

- **Concession Stand** > this is a significant source of revenue for the program and all families are expected to support the program by working shifts as scheduled.
- **Sponsorships** > if you or someone you know owns a local business, we have great sponsorship opportunities available!
- **Volunteers** > there are a variety of opportunities to volunteer throughout the season and there is literally something for everyone! Please complete the Volunteer Interest Form on our website.

### **PC Men's Soccer Booster Meeting – Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm (location TBD)**

- Please note: under no circumstances does program support (in any form) guarantee any player's spot on the roster, playing time, etc.

## Find us on the Internet

**Portage Central Men's Soccer** – Coach Rice's public Facebook page

Remember to visit our website [www.pcsoccer.org](http://www.pcsoccer.org) and register for try-outs! We will be sharing updates throughout the summer.