



Davies High School

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Dear NDHSAA,

Davies High School respectfully requests an exemption to the NDHSAA rule regarding participation with a club team after the start of the high school season for Ava Dorsam, a girls soccer student-athlete at Davies High School.

Ava has been selected to participate in the Jefferson Cup, sponsored by the Richmond United Tournament Series. This tournament is a highly regarded showcase and recruitment event, offering student-athletes valuable exposure to college coaches and recruiting opportunities. Participation in this event represents a significant opportunity for Ava's athletic development and future academic and athletic goals, as well as providing international opportunities.

In prior years, participation in this tournament would not have conflicted with the high school soccer season. However, due to the girls soccer season beginning one week earlier this year, this scheduling conflict has occurred. The attached letter further outlines the rationale and request of Ava's participation in this event.

We respectfully ask the NDHSAA to consider granting an exemption that would allow Ava to participate in the Jefferson Cup without penalty or violation of the participation rule. This is a unique opportunity that would greatly benefit her growth as a student-athlete.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact us if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Lenny Ohlhauser
Davies Activity Coordinator



Date: January 1, 2026

To: Whom it May Concern

From: Richmond United Tournament Series

Re: 2026 Jefferson Cup Showcase

Dates:

Boys Weekend– March 7-8, 2026

Girls Weekend – March 14-15, 2026

Girls Combine– March 19, 2026

Girls Showcase– March 20-22, 2026

Boys Combine– March 26, 2026

Boys Showcase– March 27-29, 2025

On behalf of the Jefferson Cup and the Richmond United Tournament Series, I would like to request the release of all Jefferson Cup players from your school to participate in the 2026 Jefferson Cup Showcase in Richmond, VA. We realize the importance of a player's education and strive to accommodate the academic calendar as much as possible. Regrettably, the Jefferson Cup Showcase will result in some players missing 1-2 days of school for travel and competition.

As one of the top showcase and recruiting tournaments in the United States, the Jefferson Cup is empowered and charged with assisting soccer players in finding a college that fits their needs for higher education. The Showcase will be attended by 350-500 college representatives each weekend. These college coaches will be scouting games for prospective student-athletes. Additionally, the showcase event is an integral part of facilitating and teaching young athletes the proper life skills and experiences as they mature into young adults.

Thank you for your understanding regarding the absence of Jefferson Cup players from school during this event.

Regards,

Chris Friant

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Director of Tournaments

Richmond United