



Myerstown Soccer Club Code of Conduct Updated – November 2021



Mission: The mission of the Myerstown Soccer Club (MSC) is to provide a fun filled environment where children of all abilities are provided the opportunity to develop their skills and love for the game of soccer.

It is the policy of the Myerstown Soccer Club to treat all referees, coaches, players and spectators with respect and dignity.

This Code of Conduct outlines the conduct expected of Myerstown Soccer Club and ELCO United Players, Player, Parent/Guardian, or Coach are reported to not follow this Code of Conduct.

Players

- Know and respect the rules of soccer.
- Treat coaches, teammates, other players, referees, and spectators with respect.
- Be a positive role model and demonstrate/encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, and parents. This includes at the conclusion of a game, be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- No bullying or hazing any teammate or other person involved with MSC. Report any bullying or hazing to the coaches or Executive Board Members.
- Be responsible for uniform and equipment.
- Inform your coaches in advance if you cannot attend training, games, or other team events.

Parents/Guardians

Parents are an important part of a players' soccer development and of a team's success. They are an integral part of the Myerstown Soccer Club community. As such, parents' behavior on the sideline and support of their child is of the utmost importance.

- Learn and respect the rules of soccer and the rules of MSC.
- Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches, and players.
- Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- Parents MUST Display appropriate behavior on the sidelines at all times. Parents are responsible to ensure that all family members and guests you bring to games are aware of the codes of conduct.
- Do NOT coach or give instructions to players on the field. This applies to your own child as well as other players on the team.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- Have players at practice and games on time and notify the coach in advance if a player cannot attend a scheduled practice or game.
- Alert coaches of any players' health conditions.
- Communicate with coaches if there are questions or concern, but NOT during, before or after the games. Email them to set a time to talk.

Coaches

- Learn the rules of soccer and maintain the safety and well-being of their players.
- Provide a positive role model for players and parents, by consistently acting in a positive, controlled, and mature manner.
- Refrain from making negative comments about other coaches, players, parents and referees.
- Respect the game officials. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during, and after the game.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship, fair play, and maintain a proper perspective on the purpose of MSC, namely, participation is for the enjoyment and benefit of the players (not the adults).
- Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile, aggressive or humiliating.
- Maintain a consistent practice schedule and provide necessary equipment at games and practices.
- Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.

Inappropriate Behaviors and Actions Taken

The MSC will not tolerate any loud, abusive, or disparaging language or comments directed at any referee, coach, player, or spectator. All reported incidents from any source will be investigated by the Executive Board for MSC. If inappropriate behavior is substantiated, one of the following actions will be taken based on the severity of the incident:

- A warning letter will be sent to the parent or spectator stating the confirmed incident of inappropriate behavior and advising them to discontinue the inappropriate behavior.
- Single game suspension for parent and player.
- An immediate ban for the remainder of the current season from any MSC games or events will take place for any direct physical confrontation or any threat of physical confrontation directed at any referee, coach, player, or spectator either during or immediately after a game. This means no second chances.
- If a player, parent/guardian, or coach is ejected from a game, he or she must leave the field area immediately (be out of sight and sound) and will automatically be suspended for the next game.
- Failure by a parent or relative to abide by this policy will result in the dismissal of the child from his or her team for the remainder of the current season.

All questions or comments concerning this Code of Conduct should be directed to any of the MSC Executive Board.

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