

MSC Code of Conduct

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Soccer is fun. Proper participation in the sport provides great benefits to the children who participate in the game, the adult volunteers who make the games possible, and the families of both. The Mechanicsburg Soccer Club ("MSC") seeks to create an environment in which players and their families can obtain the maximum benefits from participating in the game. MSC seeks to provide the child players with the chance to enjoy the game of soccer, to engage in physical exercise, to engage in healthy competition between players and teams of approximately equal ability without an excessive emphasis on winning, to learn and to display sportsmanship, and to develop both individual and team skills. In order to effectuate those goals, MSC has developed the following Code of Conduct which shall apply to coaches, players, referees, parents, guardians, spectators, volunteers, trainers, and any other participants in MSC activities (collectively "MSC Participants"):

- All MSC Participants shall abide by this Code of Conduct.
- MSC coaches and approved trainers must remember they are the "face" of MSC and an example to the child players and must behave accordingly. MSC coaches and approved trainers must display maturity, restraint, and respect in dealing with all MSC Participants, including players, parents, spectators, and referees.
- MSC players must demonstrate good sportsmanship, play by the rules of the game, and refrain from arguing with coaches or referees.
- MSC parents must encourage good sportsmanship and self discipline by demonstrating positive support for all players, while not creating unrealistic expectations on their child or their child's team. MSC parents must respect all players, coaches, parents, referees, and spectators on and off the field. MSC parents must not approach a coach, player, or referee with concerns during or directly after a contest; and should refrain from coaching from the sidelines, but rather allow the coach to direct the team.
- All MSC Participants are prohibited from using profanity or abusive language or from engaging in behavior designed to intimidate or injure other MSC Participants when participating in or attending any MSC activities.
- If any MSC Participant believes that this Code of Conduct has been violated, such person has the right to, and should, report the perceived violation to any member or representative of the MSC Board for investigation.
- Any MSC Participant who fails to abide by this Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions at the discretion of the MSC Board. These sanctions may include, but are not limited to, suspension or expulsion from participation in or attendance at any MSC activities.
- The MSC Code of Conduct is not limited to the principles enumerated above; any conduct that undermines the goal and purpose of MSC may be deemed a violation of this Code of Conduct.
- MSC Participants may also be subject to sanctions imposed by governing leagues and organizations (Central Penn Youth Soccer League, Eastern PA Youth Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer Association, US Club Soccer, etc) utilized by the Club for purposes of player/coach/team registration.

PARENT NAME (print): _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PLAYER NAME (print): _____ SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____