



Mendon Upton Youth Soccer Association



MUYSA Expectations, Responsibilities, Rules and Conduct

Players, Parents and Coaches,

As we head into another year of soccer it is always important to reinforce the clubs expectations for the Players, Parents and Coaches. The goal of our club is to provide an environment where the youth of Mendon and Upton can learn, advance their skills and compete in soccer. In order for all of us to have the best season, understanding the Expectations, Responsibilities, Rules and Conduct for all is essential. Parents and Coaches please insure that you have read understand and agree with the following, and Parents please also insure that you have reviewed and reinforced with your children that are participating in the program.

Players Responsibilities & Rules

1. Work hard, have fun and give your best effort every time you are on the field for practices or games.
2. Wear all required equipment (shin guards, proper shoes & uniforms). Each player should have an age appropriate soccer ball and ample water for practice and games. Practice uniforms are informal but require shin guards, soccer cleats, ball and water. Game uniforms require player's game jersey, black soccer shorts, black soccer socks, soccer cleats, shin guards, ball and water. Players not in appropriate uniform may be required by the coach to not participate in practice or game play.
3. Pay attention to the coaches when they are speaking and providing instructions in practice or in games, on or off the field. Players that are disruptive in practice and require additional attention beyond normal coaching will be sidelined for practice and games. Repeated disruptive behavior may result in suspension or discussion with parent. All players must respect the decisions of coaches and referees.
4. Be a team player. Players should learn the rules of soccer and play by them at all times. Learn and develop teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship and practice them.

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5. The club's expectation is all players are on time and participate in all games and practices. Excused tardiness and absence is acceptable given proper notice. Persistent unexcused lateness or absence may result in reduction of playing time.
6. Disrespectful behavior to coaches, referees or other players will not be tolerated. Any disrespectful behavior or non sportsmanlike conduct will be dealt with immediately and continued behavior may result in suspension. The use of indecent or profane language is unacceptable. Use of such language may result in suspension.
7. Fighting, horseplay or any physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated. In addition to any coach, referee or league imposed consequences the MUYSA Board may impose additional penalties up to and including suspension.

Parents Responsibilities & Rules

1. Make every attempt that your child attends all practices and games. Coordinate transportation to ensure that the player is prompt when arriving and departing. If unable to attend a game or practice, notify the coach of the team as soon as possible. Persistent, unexcused absences and lateness may affect the future inclusion of a player on the game roster.
2. Ensure that your child brings all equipment and uniforms to games and practices. Equipment to include ample water and an appropriate sized soccer ball.
3. Support your child's coach and help when you can. Disagreements with your coach do not belong on the field. Questions, input and positive suggestions should be voiced to the coach in the absence of players and never immediately after a game.
4. Parents are encouraged to come watch and cheer, but should not shout instructions from the sidelines. This causes confusion. Players should listen for coach's and ref's instructions only.

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5. Parents and spectators for each team should remain at least six feet behind the sidelines and across the field from players. Parents should not stand behind the goal posts or goal line. Parents should not go on the field before, during, or in-between games.
6. Parents are expected to set a good example for the children at all times by their positive behavior, sportsmanship, attitude and language. Abusive language, behavior or physical assault may result in immediate suspension from the soccer program.
7. Parents are expected to demonstrate respect for the referees and opposing players. Parents are never allowed to confront opposing players or the referee during or after the game.

Coaches' Responsibilities & Rules

1. Coaches are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and treat players fairly. A coach shall provide exemplary leadership and instruction by example and behavior both on and off the playing field. A coach will submit to a CORI background check before working with children.
2. A coach will organize and run regularly scheduled practices. Organize practices to train soccer fundamentals appropriate to the age group.
3. Provide a safe environment, ensuring that all players demonstrate respect for fellow teammates, the coaching staff, opposing players and referees. Coaches must insure player safety and ensure that every child is picked up by an authorized adult. A coach shall provide and promote an atmosphere in which players learn soccer skills, team play, sportsmanship and self-discipline under competitive situations.
4. Coaches will strive to allow each player fair playing time without regard of skill level.
5. The coach will inform parents and guardians of Club rules with respect to general conduct at games. Ensure that players and no more than three coaches are on one side of the field, with parents and spectators situated on the opposite side. Coaches

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should not go beyond their half line, nor should they go on the field or stand behind the goal line.

6. Know the rules, respect the referees and act in a controlled manner on the field. A coach will be expected to support the respective field coordinators with initial field set-up, end-of-season breakdown, and weekly field lining as required.

7. Disrespectful behavior to players, coaches, spectators or referees will not be tolerated. In addition to any referee or league imposed consequences the MUYSA Board may impose additional penalties up to and including suspension.

8. A coach will be responsible for participating in the team selection process, roster development, and player pass cards, notification of all practices and games, and any special activities. All coaches are expected to conduct player evaluations at the end of the season and return them to the Age Group Coordinator in a timely fashion.

9. A coach will make reasonable attempts to take advantage of MUYSA and non-Club sponsored coaches training opportunities in an effort to provide players with a consistent development curriculum across an age group.

10. Head coaches are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their players, assistant coaches and parents.

Signatures

Head Coach

Date

Assistant Coach

Date

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Assistant Coach

Date

Assistant Coach

Date

Parent

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Parent

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