



Mifflin County Soccer Club

Parent Conduct Expectations

Our parents, next to our players, are the Mifflin County Soccer Club's most valuable asset. However, under some circumstances they can also become our biggest liability. We as an organization must understand the importance of our place as role models, teachers, and fans of our youth. We must also understand the ramifications of our behavior, in word and deed. It is with this in mind that we present the following expectations:

- ⊗ Parents are expected to get their children to games and practices **on time**. Please inform the coach(s) if your child will not be in attendance for a game or practice.
- ⊗ Parents will not harass referees, coaches, or players at any time.
- ⊗ Please refrain from yelling instructions from the sidelines, let the coaches coach. Parents are to sit on the opposite side of the field from the players.
- ⊗ Referees are human and they will make calls that you may disagree with, however verbal abuse and aggressive behavior is unacceptable and sends the wrong message to our youth. If you want better referees, you are welcome to become a certified official.
- ⊗ Do not approach a coach during practices or games concerning coaching decisions. If a parent has an issue with a coach, it should be resolved through the Board of Directors or club representative.
- ⊗ If you must analyze the game, be constructive and always finish by pointing out the positive things your child accomplished. Let your child talk to YOU about a game, not the other way around.
- ⊗ Provide only encouragement to players from the sidelines, cheer for good plays by EITHER team. It is NEVER acceptable to make negative comments to an opposing player.
- ⊗ Avoid rewarding winning, but reward a good effort.
- ⊗ Keep soccer and education in the proper perspective.
- ⊗ Parents, family and friends are encouraged to attend games, practices and activities.
- ⊗ Parents are encouraged to volunteer in Club activities, tournaments and fundraisers.
- ⊗ Insist on fair play and sportsmanship from your children.
- ⊗ Be a POSITIVE role model.
- ⊗ Remember that our goal is to develop good soccer players AND sportsmen, a mistake or missed opportunity on the field is NOT a life and death matter.

The following offenses may result in discipline and/or suspension of Player, Parent/Guardian or both and possible banishment from games and practices:

- ⊗ Fighting and/or physical abuse of a coach, player, club official, game official or other spectator.
- ⊗ Repeated verbal abuse of any of the above.
- ⊗ Providing any member of the team with alcohol or illegal drugs. Or using alcohol or illegal drugs at the fields at anytime.
- ⊗ Interfering with, undermining or in any way disrupting the play of the game.
- ⊗ Any other offense deemed by Club officials to bring discredit to the Club, the team or any officials thereof.
- ⊗ Smoking within close proximity of the players at practices or games.

In addition it should be understood that our coaches will not commit to equal playing time in a particular position or to any other demands from a player to the detriment of the team. We fully expect that our families will behave in an appropriate manner as we all strive to keep soccer in Mifflin County fun, competitive and the *Beautiful Game* that it is.

I have read and understand these rules and responsibilities and agree to abide by such and follow the Code of Conduct guidelines. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines and rules.

Parent

Date

Team/Coach