



## MUYSA Expectations, Responsibilities, Rules and Conduct

### **Players, Parents and Coaches,**

As we head into another season of soccer it is always important to reinforce the club's 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 ensure that you read, understand and agree with the following. Parents, please also ensure that you have reviewed and reinforced each 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 footwear and uniforms). Each player should have an ample supply of water for practices and games. Practice uniforms are informal but shin guards, soccer cleats and water are required.
3. Pay attention to the coaches when they are speaking and providing instructions in practice, on or off the field. Players that are disruptive in practice and require additional attention beyond normal coaching may be sidelined for practice. Repeated disruptive behavior may result in discussion with the parent or suspension of the player. All players must respect the decisions of coaches.
4. Be a team player. The goal is for players to learn the rules of soccer and play by them at all times. Players shall learn and develop teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship and practice them.
5. The club's expectation is that all players are on time and participate in all practices. Excused tardiness and absence are acceptable given proper notice. Persistent unexcused lateness or absence may result in reduction of playing time.



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6. Disrespectful behavior to coaches or other players will not be tolerated. Any disrespectful behavior or non-sportsman-like 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-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 practice or game, notify the coach of the team as soon as possible. Persistent, unexcused absences and lateness may affect the future playing time and team placement of a player.
2. Ensure that your child brings their own water and proper equipment for practices and games.
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.
4. Parents are encouraged to come watch and cheer, but should not shout instructions from the sidelines. This causes confusion. Players should listen for the coach's instructions only.
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 and practices.
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 by a parent may result in immediate suspension from the soccer program for their child.
7. Parents are expected to demonstrate respect for the opposing players. Parents are never allowed to confront referees, opposing players or their parents.



## **Coaches' Responsibilities & Rules**

1. A coach will submit a CORI background check before working with children.
2. A coach is 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.
3. A coach will organize and run regularly scheduled practices and organize practices to train soccer fundamentals appropriate to the age group.
4. A coach will provide a safe environment, ensuring that all players demonstrate respect for fellow teammates, the coaching staff, opposing players and referees. A coach must ensure 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.
5. A coach will strive to allow each player fair playing time without regard of skill level.
6. A coach will inform parents and guardians of Club rules with respect to general conduct. A coach will 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.
7. A coach shall know the rules 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.
8. A coach's disrespectful behavior to players, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated. The MUYSA Board may impose additional penalties up to and including suspension.
9. A coach will be responsible for participating in the team placement process, roster development, and player pass cards, notification of all practices, games, and any special activities. All coaches (U8 and up) are expected to conduct player evaluations at the end of the season and return them to the Age Group Coordinator in a timely fashion.



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10. 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.
11. A head coach is responsible for the actions and behaviors of their players, assistant coaches and parents.
12. A coach will make it clear, to parents and players, what is expected or required of the players with respect to timing and equipment for all practices and games.