

MMYSA PARENT AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

One of the goals of the Marinette Menominee Youth Soccer Association (MMYSA) is to provide a safe and fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for authority figures (Board members, Coaches, and Referees), players, and other spectators.

MMYSA will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse towards volunteer coaches, referees, or players from any parent, player, or spectator. Parents and spectators, just as players and coaches, are expected to abide by the code of conduct described here at all MMYSA events. While most of the adults and children in the program will abide by this code without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of MMYSA.

As a parent or spectator, I will:

1. Support the coaches, players, and referees and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. Support my child's team and help my child and MMYSA make soccer games and practices a positive educational experience.
3. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team to the head coach and/or association at an appropriate time. I will work toward a positive result for all involved.
4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games. Their decisions are final.
5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
6. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be the best they can on and off the field and are physically and mentally alert.
7. Strive to make every MMYSA practice and game as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being present to support the children.
8. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
9. Stay behind the designated spectator line during a game.
10. Be responsible for the actions and conduct of any guests that I bring to a MMYSA event.

As a parent or spectator, I will not:

1. Interfere or interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise undermine their authority.
3. Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. In any way at any MMYSA game or practice event conduct myself in a manner that fails to demonstrate good sportsmanship and compliance with the spirit of this code of conduct.
5. Utilize electronic media, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, texting, email, etc. to criticize coaches, teammates, players, or other parents.

Consequences of Behavior

At any MMYSA event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or MMYSA official will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.

Any adult that conducts ~~his~~him or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this code of conduct may be banned from MMYSA events for the remainder of that season and any future season. Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, MMYSA Board member, player, participant or another spectator will be banned from MMYSA.

After one year, the parent may apply for re-instatement. MMYSA may, at its discretion, lift the ban. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking, or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical object.

By signing my name below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms of this code of conduct and agree to abide by this code of conduct and accept the consequences should I violate this code of conduct.

I hereby pledge to follow this Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct.

SIGNATURE **DATE**

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