

MCLEAN YOUTH SOCCER

POLICY NUMBER: 110

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POLICY TOPIC: Player Code of Conduct

Players participating in McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) Programs are exercising a privilege afforded them by MYS. Players are representatives of MYS and must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Thus, all participants of MYS shall abide by this Player Code of Conduct.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that I must follow the rules of the club and the league in which my team plays. I further understand that in order to remain a player in good standing I must follow these rules:

1. I will respect the game of soccer and its laws;
2. I will show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls;
3. I will work for the good of the team and conduct myself with honor and dignity, and I will treat my coach and teammates with respect
4. I will show good sportsmanship before, during, and after all practices and games;
5. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies;
6. I will help parents and fans understand the Laws of the Game so they can watch and enjoy the game better; and
7. I will ensure that parents and fans understand that inappropriate and unsportsmanlike behavior is not permitted.

SPECIFIC RULES WHILE TRAVELING FOR COMPETITIONS:

- Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is representative of MYS and will not bring discredit on MYS.
- When traveling as a participating member of the MYS Travel Program, each player is expected to dress appropriately as representatives of MYS and the Travel Program and as directed by the coach.
- Respect for property of others, adherence to the rules specified in this policy or by the coach, chaperones or other MYS administrators, and observance of State and Federal laws are required for participation in the MYS Travel Program.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

- 1. Coaches have discretion to determine disciplinary actions for violations of this Player Code of Conduct by players on their teams, up to and including suspension from practices and games.**
- 2. Repeated or egregious violations of this Code shall result in disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee, up to and including, without limitation, expulsion from MYS. All decisions by the Disciplinary Committee are final and may not be appealed. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of at least three but no more than five members to be designated by the Executive Director as needed.**
3. Violations of the MYS Substance Abuse Policy (Policy 106) are subject to the disciplinary actions set forth therein.
4. Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior, including bullying, is cause for dismissal from MYS.
5. Violations of State, Federal, or other law, including destruction of property, is cause for dismissal from MYS.
6. Failure to comply with any and all MYS, league, tournament, game, and team rules may be cause for disciplinary action.
7. If dismissal from the Program or from a specific event occurs while traveling, the player may be sent home immediately *at the parent's cost by whatever means is most convenient* for the event chaperones and Program administrators. No reimbursement of fees will be made to the dismissed player or the player's family.