

Massapequa Soccer Club Code of Conduct

The Massapequa Soccer Club (“MSC”) Executive Board and other MSC volunteers are committed to providing a quality youth soccer program for the Massapequa community. We all know children’s sports are intended to be fun for children. Unfortunately, there are select parents, fans and others who fail to realize that their behavior can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Young athletes can be disillusioned in youth sports programs because adults have unfairly taken the fun out of the game.

Accordingly, the MSC has adopted the following Code of Conduct for parents and spectators to abide by during every MSC event. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in the suspension and/or expulsion from the club of the parent and/or player. We require that you read and sign below to acknowledge your support of our policy. The MSC will not release a player pass until a signed Code of Conduct form has been filed by the player’s coach. The Code of Conduct form can also be found on our web site at www.massapequasc.com.

I agree that:

1. I will enjoy my child’s opportunity to experience the benefits of participating in soccer.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not for the adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will encourage my child and other children on the team.
5. I will make every effort to attend and be on time for all team events. If I am not in attendance, I will make every effort to promptly pick up my child or make arrangements for their safe return home.
6. I (and my guests) will refrain from coaching my child or other players from the parent’s sidelines during games and practices.
7. I (and my guests) will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct toward any official, coach, player or parent. This includes, but is not limited to: booing, taunting, use of profane language or gestures, or physical contact.
8. I will encourage my child to learn and play by the rules of the game, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence or other behaviors that could endanger the health or well being of other players.
9. I will see that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect, regardless of race, color, creed, sex or ability.
10. I will provide my child with a sports environment that is free from drugs and alcohol and refrain from their use at every MSC event.
11. I will respect the coaches and officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches or officials at the game field, and will take the time to speak with coaches and officials at an agreed upon time and place.
12. In the event that I (and/or my guest) cause a referee to issue a yellow card during a game I understand that my child shall be removed for the remainder of the game.
13. In the event that I (and/or my guest) cause a referee to issue second yellow card or a red card during or after a game I understand that my child shall be suspended from participating in the team’s next scheduled game.
14. Failure to comply with any of the above guidelines could place the parent and/or player in bad standing with the MSC.

Parent (or Guardian) Signature

Print name of Parent (or Guardian)

Date