



Monroe Township Youth Soccer - Code of Conduct (Adopted June, 2005)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: MTYS recognizes that youth soccer can be an exciting and rewarding sport to participate, whether as a player, spectator, parents, coach or refereeing official. As a club, we have close to 1100 players registered and as we grow so do the problems. So in order to promote the experience of all participants in Monroe Township Youth Soccer (MTYS), all participants must abide by the following policy to maintain a courteous and professional atmosphere that reflects good sportsmanship **at all times**.

POLICY: Disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated by any of the participants of activities sponsored by MTYS.

Inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior includes, **but is not limited to:**

- Taunting players, coaches, officials, or spectators by means of ridiculing, baiting, threatening physical violence. Using obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Throwing any object into the game or viewing areas that could create a distraction or create a safety hazard.
- Harassment or intimidation of players, coaches, officials or spectators by means of hostile, threatening and/or abusive verbal or written comments.
- The possession, consumption or use of any alcoholic beverage, drug of abuse or controlled substance or the possession or use of any firearm at the field by any player, coach, referee, team official or spectator prior to, during or after the playing of any MTS activity is prohibited.

PROCEDURE: Activities, including games, practices, meetings, and any other club-related function may be stopped when disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior is displayed that has the potential to interfere with spectators or participants. During game or practice events, violators displaying inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior will be identified to coaches for the purpose of removing violators from the game/practice and viewing area, and this behavior will be reported to MTYS Board of Directors in writing. During monthly meetings or other club-related functions, violators displaying inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior will be identified to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will maintain a record of violators and violations. With respect to each violation, the violator will be subject to action as determined by the Board of Directors, which shall include an one or more of the following actions, depending on the severity of an the number of violations.

1. Written warning
2. Suspension from one or more MTYS sponsored events
3. Removal from the team and/or expulsion from MTYS
4. Prohibition from all future MTYS events
5. In the event the violator is a parent, legal guardian or relative of a player, the player, as well, shall be subject to any action listed above.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION: All MTYS members are expected to follow a reasonable chain of command within MTYS in resolving issues. The concerned parties should discuss grievances in a timely manner to help address concerns while details are fresh in everyone's minds.

1. Take time to make sure the complaint is valid
2. Discuss the complaint with the coach at the appropriate time
3. If necessary the complainant or coach may then take the complaint to the designated MTYS board member
4. If the complaint is not resolved, a formal complaint in writing may be made and addressed to MTYS board members
5. MTYS board members will not hear complaints unless they are in writing.

All complaints in writing should be sent to President, Monroe Township Youth Soccer, PO Box 625, Williamstown NJ 08094

It is the responsibility of the Head and Assistant coaches to insure that all MTYS members and spectators associated with their team uphold this policy.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____