Player-Parent Agreement

MUTINY SOCCER CLUB

It is the mission of Mutiny Soccer Club to provide a community-based soccer program where kids can excel at the game of soccer, learn about the strength of team unity, and to have the ability to grow within the sport of soccer. To ensure a quality experience for everyone, it is important that each player and parent understand the philosophy of MSC as well as the rules and policies that guide our Club. It is also important that everyone shares the same high level of expectations for conduct throughout the season.

NMSC Board of Directors and Director of Coaching have a long-standing policy directing how decisions are made:

1. What is in the best interest of the Club, then;
2. What is in the best interest of a Team, then;
3. What is in the best interest of a Player, and then;
4. What is in the best interest of a coach or parent.

Expectations for Players

1. Play the game for the game's sake, and not just to please my parents or coaches.
2. Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
3. Respect the game of soccer and its laws. Learn these laws and try to follow them and play the game fairly.
4. Work for the good of my team and always give my best effort.
5. Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls
6. Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
7. Conduct myself with honor, dignity, and treat other players as I would like to be treated.
8. Help my parents and fans understand the laws of the game so they can watch and enjoy the game better. I will be sure they understand that dissent is not permitted in competitive soccer clubs.
9. Control my temper and not retaliate, even if I believe I have been wronged.
10. Not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or illegal or performance-enhancing drugs.

Expectations for Parents

1. **Let the Coaches coach:** Please leave the coaching to the coaches. This includes motivating, after game critiquing, setting goals. You have entrusted the care of your player to the coaches,

and they need to be free to do their job. If the player has too many coaches, it is confusing for him and his/her performance usually declines.

2. **Support your child and be his/her biggest fan:** Support your child unconditionally.
3. **Support and root for all the players on the team:** Teamwork is a key aspect of soccer. When a teammate is performing better than your son/daughter a learning opportunity presents itself. Your child's teammates are not the enemy. Foster teamwork.
4. **Encourage your child to talk with his/her coaches:** Encourage your child to speak directly to their coaches when they are having difficulties during practices/games, need to miss a practice, etc. Taking this responsibility will allow your child to assume ownership of their soccer experience and develop skills relevant outside the soccer world.
5. **Understand and practice appropriate game behavior:** Parents and Supporters are encouraged to cheer and support the players and team through praise and, most importantly, in a positive manner.

Club Wide Expectations for Parents and Players

1. I will adhere to the 24-hour rule and not talk about game performance, player performance or play time at the field or within 24 hours of any game. This includes with ANY Coach, Team Manager or Board Member
2. If my player is U11 and above I agree that I will not communicate Directly with the Coach myself in reference to team performance, player performance or play time but will allow my child to bring any concerns or performance questions to the Coach themselves
3. I acknowledge that ONLY Players and Coaches will be granted access to the Field of play during all Mutiny PRACTICES. I will remain on the opposite side of the track surrounding the fields, the parking lot or in my vehicle.
4. I will not argue with or correct any referee, coach or player on either team during games
5. I acknowledge that my Team Manager handles only the team schedule, registration items and team finances and I will not use them as a communications medium to the coach/ club aside from the specifics listed above
6. I acknowledge that any communication regarding team performance, player performance, play time or issues are to be directed by email to the Director of Coaching Jeff Hernden at doc@mutinysoccer.org. This will be done after the 24-hour rule has been adhered to.
7. I understand and agree that during games I must stay on the opposite side of the field from the players/ coaches and directly across from the Mutiny team bench leaving the opposite end of the halfway line open for the opposing team's parents. I will NOT stand behind either goal or on the Player/ Coach Sideline.
8. I agree that as a spectator if I am ejected from any game for conduct that reflects negatively on the MSC organization I will self-serve a 2-game suspension for the next 2 consecutive games.
9. I will not put the Mutiny Coach, Board Members or staff in a position to have to enforce this

NMSC Escalation Plan for Parent Issues

1. PLAYER will bring the issue to THEIR Coach

   If no Resolution:

2. Parent will email CoachHernden@gmail.com AFTER the 24-hour rule and will be contacted by the Director of Coaching

   If no Resolution:

3. Parent will email the BOD Secretary at secratary@mutinysoccer.org for dissemination of issue to the Ethics Committee

   If No Resolution:

4. The Ethics Committee will refer the issue to the Board of Directors and parents will have an opportunity to be put on the BOD Meeting Agenda to speak at the next available meeting.

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