



MAYSA Parent Code of Conduct

Madison Area Youth Soccer Association (MAYSA) is a community-focused soccer club dedicated to providing young people the opportunity to learn to play soccer in a familial and collegial environment. Our primary focus is not just developing your child's soccer skills, but we strive to equip them with great character, leadership, and confidence.

We value good sportsmanship above all other qualities. Sportsmanship is defined as "fair and generous behavior or treatment of others, especially in sports." MAYSA's style of play focuses on fairness, respect, and camaraderie among teammates, competitors, officials, spectators, and coaches. A growing body of research reveals that while kids want their parents to support their athletic endeavors, they prefer that parents not add extra pressure for specific outcomes. Since parents are their children's best advocates, teachers, and role models, we expect MAYSA parents to exhibit the same sportsmanship we expect from our players. As MAYSA parents, you are expected to adhere to the following:

1. Listen to your child's views about playing sports and provide support during successes and failures.
2. Guide your player to understand that good performance means giving one's best effort, not just results.
3. Encourage your player to accept responsibility for their decisions and actions, have fun, work hard, and respect teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents.
4. Refrain from critiquing or instructing your player, teammates, coaches, opponents, or officials during or following games and practices. Instead, support and encourage the whole team to play well and together.
5. Do not approach coaches with criticism, requests, or feedback while the game is in play or within 24 hours of play. Never make derogatory comments to or about other players, coaches, or anyone involved in youth soccer. Your children are watching and listening – and modeling!
6. Remember that youth soccer is, first and foremost, for enjoyment and skill-building, NOT to build a professional athletic career.
7. Be on time for every practice and game, with your child prepared and ready to participate. Be responsive to coaches and team managers, and be respectful of the time and dedication they give to your child.
8. You are in charge of yourself and responsible for any friends and family who attend a game with you

By registering your child with a MAYSA team, you acknowledge that any violation of the parent code of conduct can result in a ban from attending games and/or the suspension or dismissal of your child from the club without reimbursement (all remaining balances will be paid if suspended or dismissed). The Board will hear all appeals to the consequence of a player's actions.