



Player 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. We value good sportsmanship above all other qualities on the field. That doesn't mean we don't appreciate assertive play and top effort! 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 good sport maintains a positive attitude and is kind to people on and off the field despite the result. We stipulate that all MAYSA players be good sports and stewards of the club at all times. This does not mean letting the other team win; it means playing hard, within the rules, and to the best of your ability while maintaining sportsmanship. As a MAYSA player, you are expected to:

1. Exhibit sportsmanship whether you win, lose, or tie. This means shaking hands with your opponents at the end of the game (infectious disease protocols depending), not accusing others of cheating, and cheering on your teammates when you are on the sidelines. Never pout or stomp off the field following a loss.
2. Do not blame your teammates during or following a game. No one intentionally makes a mistake or costs the team a game. It's essential that players and teams learn from mistakes so they are not repeated in the future.
3. Respect your coaches and game officials. Referees will make calls you disagree with at some point during a season. You will respect their position of leadership and stand by the call. When your coach gives instructions, you will listen, follow instructions, give your best effort, and not complain, even when it's hard!
4. Attend all team events, ready to play. If you can't be at a team event, make sure your parents let your team manager know! Always wear cleats, shin guards, soccer socks over shin guards, and appropriate clothing for practices and games. Failure to be in proper attire may prevent you from participating.
5. Be the best representative of a MAYSA soccer player you can be. When you wear your MAYSA jersey, you represent our club! Make us proud by being respectful and playing fairly.

By registering with a MAYSA team, you acknowledge that any violation of the player code of conduct can result in suspensions or dismissal 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.