

# **Morton Premier Soccer Club Coaches Code of Conduct & Behavioral Standards Policy**

The purpose of Morton Premier Soccer Club (MPSC) is to provide a safe, organized, and enjoyable environment that encourages all players to participate in learning the fundamentals of soccer. We further aim to promote parental involvement to achieve these goals.

Sportsmanship is essential to our organization. Sportsmanship includes a behavior and attitude from players, coaches, parents, and fans that demonstrate mutual respect. In our continuing effort to encourage a positive support base for our athletes, MPSC has adopted a 'Coaches Code of Conduct' and 'Behavioral Standards Policy'.

## Coaches Code of Conduct –

1. Always keep the best interest and well-being of the children as the highest priority.
2. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of the coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
3. Treat referees with respect. MPSC coaches must adhere to the Zero Tolerance Policy (see below).
4. Stress fair play and good sportsmanship whether winning or losing. During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down.
5. During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting. Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage them (and you may need to be forceful and direct) from yelling at the players and the referee.
6. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of the game.

## Coaches Zero Tolerance –

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators. Consequently, MPSC has adopted and modified the following rule:

1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. NO YELLING at the referee, EVER, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
3. Violators at MPSC games may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the MPSC Board of Directors. MPSC will investigate and respond to incidents at league and tournament games.
4. If coaches or spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact the Director of Training for the game in question.

All decisions pertaining to the suspension or removal of anyone from our program lies within the discretion of the MPSC Board of Directors.

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I certify that I have read and understand the Morton Premier Soccer Club Coaches Code of Conduct and Behavioral Standards Policy and agree to abide by the expectations and standards outlined above. Furthermore, I understand that failure to comply with the MPSC Coaches Code of Conduct or Behavioral Standards Policy may result in revocation of my privileges to attend Morton Premier Soccer Club related events and, if deemed necessary, suspension or expulsion from the program.

Coach Name \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Team(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping us set high quality sportsmanship standards for the children that participate in our program.