

## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

It is a privilege to play on a competitive soccer team. As a representative of the MSC, in signing this commitment, I will:

- Play the game for the game's sake, and not just to please my parents or coach.
- Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose. Accept defeat with dignity. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.
- Respect the game of soccer and its laws, learn these laws, follow them, and play the game fairly.
- Work for the good of my team and give my best effort at all times.
- Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls.
- Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games, conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players, as I would like to be treated. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
- Help my parents and fans understand the laws of the game so they can watch and enjoy the game better.
- Never address remarks at opposing coaches, players, referees and spectators (except for genuine friendship, respect or in response to a question by a referee)
- Control my temper and not retaliate, even if I disagree with a decision; Displays of temper will not be tolerated on the field or in playing area.
- Convey a consistently positive attitude toward my teammates or coaches. My true strength of character will be displayed on the field.
- Practice on my own, come prepared to learn, and give my coaches and trainers my complete attention. Their only purpose is to make me a better player and my team a better team.
- Never use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or illegal / performance-enhancing drugs.
- Play the game I love—Love the game I play!
- Repeated demonstrations of behavior that are in direct violation of the MSC code of conduct will be dealt with by a referral to the MSC disciplinary committee. Violence or conduct in violation of the rules of the game including the combination of caution offenses by individual league rules that causes a player to sit out a game will be handled by MSC officials in conjunction with the disciplinary standards set forth by the league and the Illinois Youth Soccer Association.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I have read, understand and hereby agree to abide by and support this MSC Player's Code of Conduct.

PLAYER'S NAME (print): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_