

Monona Grove FC
Parents and Players Code of Conduct
Fall 2025



Monona Grove FC (MGFC) is dedicated to providing all players the opportunity to enjoy the game of soccer. With that opportunity, comes the responsibility to provide an environment that is conducive to learning the game, developing skills, and most importantly displaying good sportsmanship and respect. MGFC is dedicated to these principles and we expect our players and parents to be as well. To help ensure we are clear on expectations, MGFC has developed the following Code of Conduct highlighting our expectations of players and parents.

Standards of Conduct: Parents and Players

1. Respect

- a. Teammates – Soccer is a team sport! Every person on your team is important and deserves your respect. Be constructive and build up your teammates. Do not put down, belittle, or judge. MGFC will maintain a zero tolerance policy to bullying.
- b. Opposing Players – Although they are on an opposing team they are there for the same reason you are, to have fun and enjoy a great game. They deserve the same level of respect you would show your own teammates.
- c. Coaches – These are dedicated volunteers who work hard to help our players develop and grow. Their job is difficult enough and disrespectful players or parents will not be tolerated.
- d. Officials- Are well trained and know the rules of the game. They do an amazing job, but like all of us, are NOT perfect. Respect the calls they do or do not make on the field. Refrain from directly addressing the officials or questioning their decisions before, during, or after a game. The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) has a zero tolerance policy against referee abuse.

2. Behavior

- a. Players are expected to participate at scheduled practices and games. Participation includes: good listening, a willingness to learn, a positive attitude, and a desire to improve. Contradictory behavior (being disruptive, disrespectful, or a distraction) is not acceptable. Coaches are managing a team of young athletes, not an individual player. In the event a coach must deal with poor behavior they will provide the appropriate discipline. This discipline can include verbal warnings, sitting out a portion of practices or games, sitting out entire games, and in extreme cases, the potential for dismissal from MGFC. Any significant corrective actions with the player shall be communicated to the parents/guardians. Collectively a plan will be made so the behavior issue can be corrected. Timely intervention will allow our players to get back on track and enjoy the game of soccer.
- b. Parents are expected and encouraged to positively support/cheer for their player and team. Parents must understand that positions are determined by the coach. Control your emotions. Inappropriate language, gestures, or actions will not be tolerated. You are not only representing yourself, you are representing your player, your team, and the entire MGFC. Observed actions that are in violation of this will be addressed immediately by the coaching staff. Actions could range from a warning to being asked to leave the sideline area.
- c. All players and parents are expected to NOT use alcohol or tobacco products at MGFC practices and games.

3. Attendance

- a. Soccer is a team sport. Attendance at practices and games is critical. Good attendance allows

coaches to develop both individual players' skill and growth as a team. Consistently missing practices and games is detrimental to the team and is unfair to the other teammates. At the discretion of the coaching staff, players that habitually miss practices and games will see a reduction in their playing time.

b. By registering, MGFC expects you to be committed to the sport and your team. Occasional missed practices and games can happen and are not an issue. Any missed practices or games must be communicated to the coach and manager in advance (ideally at least 3 days). This will enable the coach enough time to plan accordingly,

I agree to abide by the outlined Code of Conduct at all times.