

**Muhlenberg Soccer Association
Coaches Code of Conduct**

As a Coach or Assistant Coach with the Muhlenberg Soccer Association, I hereby pledge to follow and respect the following Code of Conduct established by the MSA Board of Directors and shall work to enforce the code among my fellow Coaches and Assistant Coaches:

- Coaches shall assist in promoting the Muhlenberg Soccer Association and adhere to its established rules, policies and objectives as well as those established by the RBJSL and EPYSA. Particular attention shall be paid to those guidelines regarding player eligibility, team formation and player participation.
- As a youth soccer coach, the primary purposes of all soccer events are for the benefit of the children. Coaches shall always work for the benefit and best interests of their players rostered to their team at all times. The physical and emotional well-being of each player shall be placed ahead of any desire to win, and will work to ensure no team or player is embarrassed. Coaches shall work to make every effort to maintain reasonable game scores whenever teams are unmatched and to prevent lopsided scores.
- Coaches' serve as role models for players and should demonstrate sportsman-like conduct and ensure fair play at all times, and shall respect all players, fellow coaches, parents, spectators and most importantly referees.
- Coaches shall be knowledgeable in the rules and regulations of the game and will instruct the rules to players respecting the game at all times.
- Coaches shall ensure a safe field of play and shall work to maintain a clean field environment. Coaches should police the field before and after each game or practice.
- The use of drugs or alcohol by Coaches will not be tolerated. Coaches shall refrain from the use of tobacco at games and practices.
- Coaches shall organize practices that are both fun and challenging and that help to develop the skills of players which are appropriate to the age group of the team.
- No Coach shall promise or guarantee play time or a team position prior to the team registration and roster process is complete.
- Coaches acknowledge that all players either new or returning shall be assigned and placed on teams approved by the MSA Board of Directors in an effort to efficiently accommodate and maximize the number of players for each age group.
- Coaches acknowledge that all player registrations are due by the established registration dates. Players requesting to register after the stated registration date may be only registered when availability remains.
- Coaches acknowledge that only players registered through the MSA are available for play for both indoor and outdoor teams.
- Coaches that wish to request players from other MSA teams for game play shall do so by making the request directly to the Coach of the team for which the player plays. Disputes regarding availability shall be referred to the MSA Coaches Representative.
- Coaches will, whenever possible, explain to all parents in advance any situation which may affect game day play such as having too many players in comparison to the game day rosters. Any disputes should be referred to the Parents' Representative.
- Coaches acknowledge that the use of secondary or extra players in tournaments, whether paid for by the club or a playing team in the name of the club, must be approved by both coaches and the MSA Board of Directors prior to the tournament. Additionally, there are to be no changes or amendments to the accepted tournament team roster with the actual game day players.

Failing to adhere to this Code of Conduct, the MSA Board of Directors may apply appropriate disciplinary action which may include suspension or removal from the Muhlenberg Soccer Association program.

Print Coach's Name: _____ Team: _____

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____