



Mahaska County Soccer Club Rules

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Ignorance of any published rule or regulation shall not be considered an excuse for violating these rules and regulations.

1. Spectators need to sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams.
This makes it easier for Referees to allow substitutions. It also helps the players to remain focused on the game.
2. Substitutions will occur at the half-line only.
The Coach will ask for substitution at the appropriate stoppage. The Referee will call for the substitutions. Players will exit the field at the half-line. Play will begin at the call (whistle) of the Referee. Allowable stoppage: kick off, throw-in, goal kick, and injury. No substitutions allowed on corner kicks.
3. Goalkeeper must wear a different color than the rest of the team.
4. All League Coaches must carry with them pennies of a different color:
In the event of another team with the same color as MCSC. Team to wear the pennies is at the discretion of the Referee.
5. Minimum Playing time:
All players on teams in the U14 age groups and younger shall play at least one-half of the game. All players in the U15 through U19 groups shall play at least one-third of the game. The only exception shall be where the coach is restricting a player from participating for disciplinary purposes, in which case the coach must notify the referee and opposing coach of said decision.
6. Foul Language is an automatic red card (including non-English).
7. A yellow card will result in the player leaving the field of play for a time as determined by the Referee for no longer than 5 minutes. Player may return to play at the next available stoppage as allowed by the Coach.
8. At least 1 yard is recommended along the playing field in order for Assistant Referees (A/Rs) to move freely. Do not distract A/Rs from doing their job.
9. Cautions and send-offs – Player
Any player sent off the field of play must leave the field of play and be out of sight and sound of the field and shall be ineligible to play for the next scheduled League game. If the player is unable to leave the facility for lack of parental supervision they will sit on the ground as designated by the coach. They will refrain from commenting on the game.



10. Cautions and send-offs – Coaches

Any coach may be sent off by the referee from coaching the team if in violation of these or any rules of competition and shall immediately leave the grounds out of sight or sound of the team. If a coach remains on the premises following a send off, then the referee shall declare a suspension of the game. In the event a coach is sent off, an assistant coach or parent will be permitted to continue coaching the team. If a coach is sent off from the field of play she/he shall be ineligible to coach or attend the next scheduled game. If a coach is coaching more than one team, that coach cannot participate in any other teams games for that weekend.

11. Threats or Assaults to Referees

Any verbal threat or physical contact on a referee prior to, during, or after a game, by a member of any team (coach, player, spectator) shall be reported by the referee to the Board. The offending member shall be suspended pending a decision by the Board regarding any future participation in activities of MCSC.

12. Threats or Assaults to Participants

Any verbal threat or physical contact on a participant prior to, during, or after a game, by a member of any team (coach, player, spectator) shall be reported by the referee to the Board. The offending member shall be suspended pending a decision by the Board regarding any future participation in activities of MCSC.

13. Undesirable Conduct – Coach

The coach may convey tactical instructions to players during the match. The coach and other officials, however, must remain within the confines of the technical area. They must conduct themselves at all times, in a responsible manner. No coach is to make derogatory remarks, use foul or abusive language, or make gestures to the referee(s), other coaches, any players, or spectators.

14. Undesirable Conduct – Referee

The MCSC Board shall have the right to suspend or bar from officiating games under its jurisdiction, any referee, who by word or action, display behavior or attitudes detrimental to the League's purpose and principles or who willfully violates the by-laws, rules and regulation or FIFA.

15. Control of the playing field and vicinity

The referee, from the time the referee enters the playing field or its vicinity and until such time as the referee leaves the playing field or the next game begins, have the authority to caution or send off any player or coach. There shall be no doubt that this authority extends before, during and after the game play. The referee is further given the authority to order off the field or its vicinity any player or coach who, in the referee's judgment is acting in a manner that is detrimental to the game.

Coaches will be responsible for their assistants, players, substitutions and spectators. Upon request from the referee, the coach shall be required to give his/her name, the name of any assistant, player or substitutes that the referee desires.