



Mahaska County Soccer Club

Non-Club Sponsorship and Participation

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Occasionally there will be events outside the Soccer Club that may be of benefit for club members to participate in. Examples may include but are not limited to friendly matches*, Iowa Games, non-641 sanctioned tournaments in other regions, and participation in different leagues as guest players. If coaches so desire, MCSC does not prohibit such participation, however if club rosters or club supplies are being used for such, **permission needs to be obtained from the board at least one board meeting (minimum of 4 weeks) ahead of the event***. This is to assure equipment is properly inventoried and inspected before it goes, prevent overlap with conflicting events, and assure club policy is in order.

Coach Responsibilities

Coaches who desire to take their team to these events are taking on the responsibility of making the arrangements. This includes but is not limited to knowing the rules for the event attending, transportation to the event, financing, medical forms, referees needed, organization, and parental communications. This is a large commitment of time and effort, and should not be entered into lightly or with short notice.

It is worth noting that while at an event and wearing the uniform and/or logo of the MCSC you, the players you bring, and the parents will be representing the club. You will therefore be held responsible for your conduct by club rules as well as the event rules. If conduct is not appropriate at an event and a complaint is filed, an investigation will be made by the board, and the conduct subject to board review as per club rules. Non-club players rostered for special events are expected to follow club guidelines if they are participating with a club coach and/or team. Coaches are held responsible for these players' conduct as well.

Player Responsibilities

Players are expected to attend events they have committed to and are expected to abide by the club rules of conduct **and** the visiting events rules of conduct.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents need to understand that attending an event is still a commitment. Once you have committed to going, there will be a team, parents, and coaches relying on you following through, just as in normal season events. Please make all effort to keep the lines of communication that your coach establishes open. If an emergency occurs that will prohibit your player(s) from going, you will need to contact the coach coordinating the event and let them know as soon as possible. There may be entry fees which would be the individual teams' responsibility to pay in these non-club events. These financial arrangements are between the coach coordinating the team, and the parents/participants.

It is worth noting again that while at an event and wearing the uniform and/or logo of the MCSC you, the players you bring, and the other parents/relatives attending will be representing the club. You will therefore be held responsible for your conduct by club rules as well as the event rules. If conduct is not appropriate at an event and a complaint is filed, an investigation will be made by the board, and the conduct subject to board review as per club rules.



Funding:

The coaches arranging the trip may petition for supporting funds from MCSC. These funds are by situation, and must be pre-approved when submitting permission for the event from the board (see introductory paragraph). The board may approve supporting up to 50% of the fees for an outside event on a simple majority vote. MCSC will consider player rosters when funding non-club events. If there are non-club members playing on the roster, pro-rate of payment will occur. I.E. if 6 of twelve players are from the club, then the funding would be pro-rated as half of what it would be if the whole team was club. Late fees will not be eligible as part of this funding.

***Friendly Matches:**

Friendly matches are encouraged by MCSC at all levels. Due to the timing of these matches it may not be possible to give proper notice to the board. The board should be notified as soon as possible when and where a friendly match will take place. The fields at the Lacey Soccer Complex are open and free to be used for any friendly provided it does not conflict with any regularly scheduled matches.

Referees fees for friendly matches at Lacey Soccer Complex will be paid by MCSC at the standard published rate. Referee fees for friendly matches away from Lacey Soccer Complex may be paid at the standard published rate subject to board approval. Referee arrangements for any friendly matches are the responsibility of the coach.

