

MVYS Parent Information

Equipment Needs for Your Child

- 5U
 - Shin Guards
 - Soccer Socks
 - Size 3 Soccer Ball
 - Cleats
- 8U/10U
 - Shin Guards
 - Soccer Socks
 - Size 4 Soccer Ball
 - Cleats
- 12U/14U
 - Shin Guards
 - Soccer Socks
 - Size 4 Soccer Ball
 - Cleats

Uniforms for all players will be provided by the league

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parents to volunteer to coach. If you are interested, please contact us. Parents will be scheduled to work the concession stand during the season

Team Information

We are expecting to have coaches make contact around August 1st. If you do not hear from a coach after that, please contact the league.

Questions?

- midvalleyyouthsoccer@gmail.com
- Mid Valley Youth Soccer on Facebook
- <http://www.midvalleyyouthsoccer.com>
- David Patchcoski, President; Robert Judge, Vice President; Stacie Kane, Secretary; Brian Witzke, Treasurer; Jesse Golumbeski, NEPSAY Agent; Mark Yazinski, Information Officer; Kim Dietzer, Concession Officer, Keven Borrelli, Scheduling Coordinator

MVYS Parent Code of Conduct

1. **Don't harass the Coaches or Officials** - The first and arguably one of the most important rules for parents to follow is that harassing the officials or coaches simply is not allowed. While most officials are hesitant to throw out a parent because it will ruin the game for the kids involved, you shouldn't take that goodwill for granted.
2. **No Sideline Coaching** - Coaches of youth teams are almost always volunteering, and the job is largely a thankless one. It's not unusual for parents to approach coaches to air grievances and to explain how they could have coached the team better themselves, which is certainly off-putting to the coaches who are donating their time. Your kids' coach probably won't be won over by your logic, but there's a good chance he'll be less than pleased by your tirades. Unless you plan to take up the mantle of Coach before the next practice, don't try to do the coach's job for him or her.
3. **Familiarize Yourself with the Game** - Few things are as embarrassing to a child as a parent that's shouting for a touchdown during a soccer game. If you plan to be truly involved in your child's athletic pursuits, you should make an effort to at least learn the basic rules of the game.
4. **Pack Plenty of Healthy Snacks** - Kids will work up a big appetite from running up and down a soccer field, which is one of the reasons why parents are encouraged to bring snacks to practices and games. Don't be the parent that doesn't hold up their end of the bargain. If there's an arrangement among parents determining who supplies snacks on a given day, don't skimp or skip your turn altogether.
5. **Don't Put Undue Pressure On Your Child** - There's a joy that comes with winning, and there's no doubt that kids gain plenty of benefits from playing youth sports. Still, even the most talented middle and high school athletes had to learn how to play. During this phase, your child should be playing soccer for the experience and to learn the basic techniques. Don't treat him/her like an entire professional soccer career is down the drain because of a simple mistake or honest error.
6. **Don't Force Your Child to Play** - While there is a wide array of benefits that come from playing sports, your child is not likely to reap the emotional and social ones if he/she truly hates the game. It's important to encourage plenty of physical activity, but you shouldn't force an unwilling child to continue playing every season.
7. **Encourage Plenty of Practice** - Practice makes perfect, which means that your little one needs to work on his/her technique while he or she is at home, too. Soccer practice shouldn't be the only time he/she picks up a ball, especially if they are eager to play. You might have to make some new rules about practicing indoors if you're interested in preserving your lamps, but you should also make sure that he/she has ample opportunity to practice in the backyard or the park if he or she feels so inclined.
8. **Model Good Sportsmanship** - Good sportsmanship is learned, not an innate ability. Your child will learn much about how he/she reacts to a given situation by observing and taking cues from your behavior. That's why it's so important for parents to model good sportsmanship; otherwise, it's a difficult concept to teach the youngsters.
9. **Don't Criticize the Other Team** - It's tempting to bash the players on an opposing team, especially if they won the match. Still, you should remember that those players are also someone's children, and that your kids don't need to get the message that bad mouthing their opponents is acceptable behavior.
10. **Encourage Kids After a Loss, Don't Lecture** - After a loss, it's easy to get so wrapped up in helping your child to learn from his/her mistakes that you slip into a lecturing tone. Your child will feel bad enough about losing, and will need your support. Instead of giving him/her a rundown of the mistakes, try to point out the things that he/she did right during the match.

Remember that the experience of participating in a youth sports league is supposed to be a fun and enriching one for your children. Bad behavior or a lack of interest expressed by a parent can be enough to spoil that experience for him/her altogether, so it's important that you adhere to the basic rules of soccer mom/dad etiquette in order to ensure that the experience is a fulfilling and rewarding one.

MID VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER

RULES FOR PARENT/PLAYER/SPECTATOR CONDUCT

All parents, players and spectators will conduct themselves in an orderly, sportsmanlike and professional manner when attending a Mid Valley Youth Soccer (MVYS) game. Any report of disorderly conduct in the field, parking lot, etc. including, but not limited to the following will not be tolerated:

- Parents going on the field.
- Parents going to the team side of the field.
- Physical abuse of referees, coaches, or players.
- Verbal abuse of the above participants, to the point of obscene, racial, ethnic or sexual slurs.
- Fighting among parents or spectators in the stands.
- Any problems with crowd control that result in the summoning of police.
- Any issues that are not covered above that result in loss of control by a parent, player or spectator.

All reports given to the MVYS by referees or coaches will be reviewed and if necessary investigated by the MVYS Executive Board (the Board). After review of the reports, discipline will be determined by the Board and can include potential probation and or possible suspension of league privileges including attendance at further games and practices. Suspension of parents, guardians, players or spectators means they cannot attend future games. The parents, players, coaches and spectators will ensure the suspension is enforced. The suspended party must then petition the Board for reinstatement. If a parent or guardian does not abide by the rulings, the association will suspend the parent's or guardian's child from further participation until the parent or guardian does abide. Any suspended party reinstated after petition, involved in another altercation will be suspended for the balance of the soccer season. Referees are authorized by the MVYS to utilize Zero Tolerance standards when addressing spectators and issuing reports on same. These rules, while harsh, are expected to weed out the problems, since these parents, players and spectators cannot control themselves, and will certainly test the system.

THESE RULES, ALONG WITH THE COVER MEMO MUST BE COVERED WITH EACH PARENT IN THE ORGANIZATION. THEY CANNOT BE SURPRISED IF AND WHEN AN ISSUE ARISES.