



# MAPLEBROOK SOCCER CLUB

## Player/Parent Code of Conduct

### **Player Expectations:**

1. I will be prepared to participate in training sessions and matches on time and contact my coach whenever I cannot attend a team event.
2. I will wear the appropriate kit/uniform and bring the right gear (inflated soccer ball, shin guards, water, etc.) to all games and training sessions.
3. I will leave all fields and facilities in equal or better condition than when I arrived.
4. I will follow all team rules at all times.
5. I will communicate with my coach regarding any issues or concerns and seek out and be openly receptive to feedback.
6. I will work outside of scheduled trainings and matches to improve my overall soccer skills and fitness and minimize conflicts that interfere with my soccer commitments during the soccer season.
7. I will not engage in disparaging dialogue, including profanity or taunting behavior, with referees, teammates, coaches, opponents, or spectators before, during, and after all soccer-related activities.
8. I will not, under any circumstances, participate in physical violence or threats thereof before, during, or after any game or practice.
9. I will not use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs while an MPB member.
10. I will obey the laws of the game and play within the spirit of the game.
11. I will treat everyone whom I encounter with respect.

### **Parent/Guardian Expectations:**

1. I will help my child be prepared to participate in training sessions and matches on time, and I will (or will encourage my child to) contact the coach whenever he/she is unable to attend a team event.
2. I will not coach my child or other players during games and practices.
3. I will encourage my child to seek out and be openly receptive to feedback from his/her coaches and to communicate any issues or concerns with the coaches.
4. I will help my child minimize conflicts that interfere with his/her soccer commitments during the soccer season.
5. I will not contact a coach until 24 hours after any event to discuss an issue I have.
6. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all MPB soccer events.

7. I will not engage in any kind of physical or verbal confrontation, including unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures with any official, coach, player, supporter, parent, or MPB representative,
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
9. I will (and demand that my child will) treat other players, coaches, officials, MPB representatives, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability, and will not participate in any form of harassment, including physical, verbal, or sexual abuse including but not exclusively:
  - a. Use of offensive or demeaning terms.
  - b. Objectionable physical proximity or physical contact.
  - c. Unwelcome suggestions regarding (or invitations to) social engagements.
  - d. Any conduct or communication, expressed or implied, that has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a player's status on his/her team; or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.
  - e. Deliberate or careless expression of jokes or remarks of any type in the presence of others who may find such jokes or remarks offensive.
  - f. Deliberate or careless distribution of materials (such as cartoons, articles, pictures, etc.) not necessary for the game of soccer or MPB business and which others may find offensive.
10. I will not speak negatively of MPB (e.g., members, policies, procedures, officials, coaches, players, and MPB representatives) in public, but will address any concerns, comments, or criticisms in an appropriate manner, time, and place to the appropriate MPB representative (e.g., coach, Director of Soccer Operations, Board of Directors, or Executive Committee).
11. I agree to abide by all MPB policies and procedures established by the MPB Board of Directors as found on the official club web page.

Membership in MapleBrook Soccer Association is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, I also agree if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by the Maplebrook Board of Directors, which could include but is not limited to, the following:

  - a. Verbal warning
  - b. Written warning
  - c. Parental/player game(s) suspension
  - d. Parental/player suspension (from all MPB events, including games and/or practices)
  - e. Parent/player removal from MPB membership