



## **FYSA CODE OF ETHICS**

### **Players**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliate.
- I will always exercise self control.
- Conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA "Laws of the Game", and in adherence to FYSA rules.
- While traveling, shall conduct themselves so as to being credit to themselves and their team.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

### **Coaches/Volunteers**

- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players
- I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
- I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will be demonstrate knowledgeable of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
- I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.
- Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.
- Coach's actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs
- I will accurately and completely complete the coach/volunteer application form and by application attest to the accuracy of the information submitted.

### **Parents/Spectators**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators. at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs

**Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:**

1st offense suspension minimum thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years

2nd offense suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of Ten (10) years

3rd offense suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.

**I have read and understood the FYSA Code of Ethics:**

**Parent/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Frequently Asked Questions about Malabar Soccer Club (MSC)

### What is MSC's soccer philosophy?

The most important aspect of recreational soccer by far is that the players have fun! The goals for your player, team, and coach should be:

- ⊕ Have fun!
- ⊕ Meet and make new friends
- ⊕ Take part in a healthy activity
- ⊕ Learn some soccer skills

### Is soccer safe?

We try to keep soccer injury free, but it is a contact sport. Injuries do happen. And there is arguably at least as much physical contact in soccer as most other contact sports. This is why you sign the waiver on the registration form each season. You can help reduce risk. Always be sure your player has shin guards and shoes on during play or practice. Provide them with LOTS of water (dehydration is a common risk in sports). Older players should stretch properly before games/practices. When games are called due to lightning, remove your child from the field to a solid structure immediately.

### How are teams selected?

There are no tryouts or selection processes in recreational soccer. Players are more or less randomly placed on teams by the registrar.

### How old must my child be to play? Do I need to provide proof of age?

By FYSA rules, all children must be 4 years old prior to the start of the season. A copy of the player's birth certificate must be on file for new players; a player who has played for Malabar in the past year or who has had his/her birthday verified by FYSA does not need to do so again.

### Can my children all be placed on the same team?

Yes, if they are in the SAME age group, we will try to accommodate your request. Please note the sibling's name on the other's registration form, and your wish to have both placed on the same team.

### Can my child be placed on the same team with his friend?

This may happen by chance. Please note in your registration form if you need certain placement due to transportation issues.

### In what age group is my child?

Recreational teams are in two year age groupings. It is recommended that each player play within their age group. Some exceptions (WITH STATE APPROVAL) may be made that allow players to play "up" into an older age group; but a player may not play "down" into a lower age group.

#### 2010-2011 Age Group chart - Recreational Program

##### Birth Date Range Recreational Age Group

8/1/04 thru 7/31/06	U6
8/1/02 thru 7/31/04	U8
8/1/00 thru 7/31/02	U10
8/1/98 thru 7/31/00	U12
8/1/96 thru 7/31/98	U14
8/1/94 thru 7/31/96	U16
8/1/91 thru 7/31/94	U19

### How is the game played?

For details reference FYSA's handbook at [www.FYSA.com](http://www.FYSA.com)

### Basic Recreational Game Specifications

Age	Ball Size	Length of Game
U6	# 3	40 minutes (4-12 minute quarters)
U8	# 3	40 minutes (4-12 minute quarters)
U10	# 4	50 minutes (2-25 minute halves)
U12	# 4	60 minutes (2-30 minute halves)
U14	# 5	70 minutes (2-35 minute halves)
U16	# 5	80 minutes (2-40 minute halves)
U19	# 5	90 minutes (2-45 minute halves)

#### Where will my child practice and play?

U6 & U8 practices & games are held on Saturdays at First Baptist Church of Malabar located at 1665 Malabar Rd. U10 & above home games are held on Saturdays (and occasionally Sundays) at Malabar Park, behind the Fire Station. Age groups U10 & up will have travel games within the County. Field maps are available on our website.

#### When will we practice?

Practices times and days are set by the coach. Player team assignments are made prior to practice days being selected. While it is the responsibility of the parent to coordinate practice time availability, we will work with you if possible to adjust team placements based on extenuating circumstances. Please inform the registrar AFTER the coach has contacted you at beginning of the season. Simply noting conditions on your registration form will not cause this to happen.

#### How do I know if practice/game is cancelled due to weather?

Call the coach. Soccer is an all weather sport. "FYSA requires that all participants observe the "30/30 rule" in regards to lightning. If lightning is seen and thunder is heard within 30 seconds, then the match must be suspended immediately and all participants must seek appropriate shelter (not under trees) until such time as no strikes are observed with thunder within 30 seconds for a period of 30 minutes. No one should be allowed back onto the fields until this time has expired".

#### What does my registration fee cover?

The registration fee is for one season (fall or spring) and includes the uniform consisting of shirt, shorts, and socks; referee fees; insurance through FYSA; game field use fees; coach training; maintenance and field equipment expenses. Photos and end of season parties are additional expenses agreed on by the team parents and are not included in registration. Your check may not be deposited until start of season.

#### What do I need to supply?

Each player should have a proper size ball (see chart), shin guards (mandatory, MUST be worn to all practices and games) and appropriate footwear. Soccer cleats are recommended, but sneakers are also acceptable. Water must also be brought to each game and practice. Love, affection, positive support is also required.

#### How much does my child's coach get paid?

We don't pay him or her, they are volunteers who give their time, patience, and equipment for the sake of the children. In fact, all club officers are also working for free to ensure your child has a place to play soccer.

#### How can I sign up to be a coach (or a board volunteer)?

Want to join us? E-mail the Club Registrar ([registrar@malabarsoccer.com](mailto:registrar@malabarsoccer.com)) and/or our President ([president@malabarsoccer.com](mailto:president@malabarsoccer.com)) and tell them what you would like to do. We need volunteers for uniform coordinators, picture coordinators, party coordinators, fundraisers, and other assorted assistance. Your time and efforts will help make this club successful and ensure its continued existence.

#### What if I want to assist my child's coach?

If mutually agreed upon with the coach, a parent is welcome to assist. However, any trainer, assistant or substitute coach, or adult who may find himself working unsupervised with the children must be registered as a volunteer with FYSA (see registrar for form).