



Sportsmanship: A Common Goal



The Montana Youth Soccer Association and the Montana High School Association believe in promoting the good sporting behavior of players, coaches and spectators.

Both club soccer and high school soccer provide an opportunity to cultivate good sportsmanship and to provide worthwhile participation for Montana's youth. MYSA and MHSA recognize that enthusiasm is desirable, but the ways in which that enthusiasm is displayed are sometimes detrimental to the positive development of our programs.

Our two associations have agreed on the following expected behaviors for everyone...
on every field...
at every complex...
for every game.

1. Remember that this is about ALL participants! We sponsor the sport of soccer because we believe that every child who participates can benefit from the physical, educational and social aspects of the game.
2. Respect EVERYONE. We are in this together, and everyone deserves to be treated with dignity.
3. Do not berate players, coaches or officials. Everyone on the field is doing his or her best.
3. Lead by example. If adults show self-discipline when faced with an unfavorable circumstance, so will the players.
4. Do not embarrass or antagonize an opponent by engaging in excessive celebration.
5. Be positive. Cheer for your team, not against the opponent, and never single out opposing players.
6. Do not advance on the field to communicate with players, coaches, or officials.
7. Do not verbally or physically threaten referees. Montana law prohibits purposely or knowingly making physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with the sports official or purposely or knowingly causing reasonable apprehension of bodily injury in the sports official.
8. Never use vulgarity, profanity or racist remarks.
9. Soccer is a community activity. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by treating each facility with respect. Pick up your garbage, park only in designated areas, and maintain a safe distance from the field of play.
10. Every game and every practice is an opportunity to improve the integrity of the game. Don't miss your opportunity.

Individual member school districts are required to comply with all sportsmanship and crowd control regulations as outlined in the MHSA Handbook.