



Muscatine Soccer Club – A Member of the Iowa Soccer Association (ISA) and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA)

Muscatine Soccer Club Mission: The Muscatine Soccer Club (MSC) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization established to develop and promote the sport of soccer in Muscatine and the surrounding communities. MSC provides an organization through which youth can participate in soccer while developing skills, character, teamwork, and sportsmanship through structured and challenging competition.

Sportsmanship is a requirement. There is no tolerance for the word I, it is a team sport. MSC provides an equal learning opportunity for all players but does not guarantee equal playing time. All players of MSC are expected to contribute to the team in a positive manner. Being a member of MSC requires a commitment of both time and attitude by each and every player.

Commitment: The player is assigned to a team for a year (August 1 through July 31). There is a fall league season and a spring league season. Most teams also participate in a winter indoor season. During this seasonal year, most teams compete in a minimum of two tournaments. Commitment levels for various other tournaments will be determined by each team. Additionally, teams will compete in both of the clubs' tournaments.

Practices: Team practices are usually held twice a week. The club schedules year-round weekly training sessions that are open to all players, to gain additional technical skills. This means the player could practice up to 3-4 times a week.

League Games: MSC teams typically play in either the ISA Academy League, Illowa Soccer League, or ISL League. Games will/can be played out of town.

Fall season runs August-October.

Winter (if applicable) November-February.

Spring season runs March-June.

Fees and Tournaments: The cost of the year commitment will vary depending on the team you are on and the number of league games and tournaments the team participates in.

MSC Club fee: Annual fees will vary depending on the age group of the team. These fees can be paid during the online registration period or mailed to PO Box 344, Muscatine, IA 52761. Additionally, the annual fee can be paid in one installment or in ten (10) equal installments. The club accepts checks and Venmo payments for any installment payments.

Equipment: Uniforms purchased online cost an estimated \$90-\$120 for youth and adult sizes. Other required gear includes soccer cleats and shin-guards.

Tournaments: The cost of tournaments outside of the MSC tournaments for the team is divided between all players participating in the tournament. This is collected by the team manager prior to registering for the tournament.



MSC Player and Parent Contract

(*) Represents rules that apply for players AND parents. PLAYERS initial after each item.

1. I will come prepared for practice and games (inflated ball, shin guards, water, uniforms, etc.) _____
2. I will commit to working as hard as I can every time I step on the soccer field (practice or game). _____
3. I will be on time to every scheduled practice or game. If I will be late or unable to attend, I will contact the coach with appropriate notice. _____
4. I will control my temper. I will not mouth off, be disruptive or offensive to players, referees, coaches, or spectators. _____
5. I will show respect to every adult on this team. Players will not at anytime be permitted to disrespect an adult when they are in the presence of this team. _____
6. I will respect every member of this team (parents, players, and coaches). I will treat others how I want to be treated. _____
7. I will be generous when my team wins and be gracious in defeat. _____

PARENTS: initial after each item

1. I understand that MSC has a no pay-no play policy and I will satisfy my player's financial obligations to MSC AND to my team in a timely fashion. I understand that my player's card may be forfeited to MSC for non-payment of any financial obligation related to playing for MSC. _____
2. I will not give players coaching advice from the sidelines. Only words of encouragement. _____
3. I understand that MSC is dependent on volunteers and I commit to fulfilling my volunteer responsibility during the weekends of the MSC Fall and Summer Classic Tournament. _____
4. I understand my volunteer responsibility for the Fall and Summer Classic is a minimum of one volunteer spot per player in MSC per tournament. _____
5. I understand if I do not fulfill my volunteer commitment, an additional administrative fee will be added to my player's financial obligations to MSC. _____
6. I understand that any fine or penalty incurred by MSC due to my behavior will be my responsibility to pay. I understand that my player's card may be forfeited to MSC for non-payment of fines. _____
7. I understand this is a one-year commitment to MSC and all roster releases are subject to board approval. _____
8. I understand that my players team pictures may be published on MSC's social media. _____

I WILL NOT:

- _____ *Encourage or employ verbal or physical abuse in the game.
- _____ *Ridicule or yell at any player for making a mistake.
- _____ *Publicly question a coach's or referee's judgment, honesty, or authority.
- _____ *Talk to parents or players from other teams in a way that would be deemed recruiting.

By signing this contract, I give my word that I will follow these simple rules. If I fail to follow these rules, I understand that there will be consequences.

Player _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Parent _____

CONSEQUENCES

Minor offenses will result in extra work at practice or loss of playing time in the game. Anything deemed chronic or major by the coach will result in a meeting with the parents and the player. At this meeting, the player/parent will either be given one last chance to correct their actions or asked to leave the team. MSC reserves the right to ask a player/parent to leave the club for violation of this contract.