



## MCLEAN YOUTH SOCCER

### PARTICIPANTS AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AND ABIDE BY RULES OF THE MYS PROGRAM

#### **"PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT"**

It is a privilege to be a player participating in McLean Youth Soccer (MYS). I understand that I must follow the rules of the club and the league in which my team plays. I further understand that in order to remain a player in good standing I must follow these rules: I will respect the game of soccer and its laws; I will show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls; I will work for the good of the team and conduct myself with honor and dignity; I will show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games; I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies; I will help parents and fans understand the Laws of the Game so they can watch and enjoy the game better; and, I will be sure parents and fans understand that dissent is not permitted.

#### **I. GENERAL RULES:**

- Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing MYS and will not bring discredit on MYS or its Program.
- When traveling as a participating member of the MYS Travel Program, each player is expected to dress appropriately as befits representing MYS and the Travel Program and as directed by the coach.
- Respect for property of others, adherence to the rules specified in this agreement or by the coach, chaperones or other MYS administrators, and observance of State and Federal laws are required for participation in the MYS Program.

#### **II. DISCIPLINE RULES:**

1. Use of a substance (drugs, alcohol, or, if under 18, tobacco) or possession of a substance, or both use and possession, is cause for immediate dismissal from the MYS Program.
2. Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior, including bullying and cyber-bullying, is cause for dismissal from the MYS Program.
3. Bullying will not be tolerated in MYS and is cause for dismissal from the MYS Program. These include but are not limited to cyber-bullying, identity-based bullying such as racist, homophobic, religious and bullying of those with disabilities or special needs.
4. Destruction of property or violation of State, Federal, or other law is cause for dismissal from the MYS Program.
5. Failure to comply with any and all MYS, league, tournament, game, and team rules may be cause for disciplinary action. *Travel Program* members failure to comply with the aforementioned rules (including curfews, acceptance of rooming assignments, attendance at all required events such as team meetings, schedules, etc.) may be cause for disciplinary action. Persistent failure may be cause for dismissal from the travel competition (if applicable) in question and possibly from the Program.
6. MYS retains its rights to impose additional penalties for any violation of paragraphs 1-5.

**NOTE:** If dismissal from the Program or from a specific event occurs while traveling, the player may be sent home immediately *at the parent's cost by whatever means is most convenient* for the event chaperones and Program administrators. No reimbursement of fees will be made to the dismissed player or the player's family.