

Recreation Development Plan for Player, Coaching, Referee, Field, and Risk Management Monticello soccer Club

Program Goals

Monticello Soccer Club (hereafter, MSC) operates a recreational soccer experience for K through 5th graders through the Monticello Community Ed organization. Our goals are to promote participation of youth in organized soccer that is fun, healthy, educational, and to promote good sportsmanship.

Player Development Plan

In order to provide for a positive youth soccer environment, the MSC will take the following steps to recruit new players and insure player development:

- ✓ Recruit and provide education to volunteer coaches to improve the players soccer experience;
- ✓ Players will be encouraged to try new skills and learn about the sport of soccer;
- ✓ Insure practices and games are fun and educational for all players;
- ✓ All players will have equal playing opportunities;
- ✓ Players will be particularly encouraged to try all or many soccer positions;
- ✓ Players will be required to wear shin guards, no jewelry, and bring water bottles;
- ✓ Players will be acknowledged for their participation and efforts at an end of season jamboree;
- ✓ Players will be provided jerseys in team colors to wear during games and will keep these jerseys;
- ✓ Players will receive the MSC soccer newsletter during the year;
- ✓ Players will have as many or more practices than games so players can learn and practice new skills;
- ✓ Players will be encouraged to learn soccer as a team sport in which coordinated play is superior to individual achievement.

Player Development Coordinator: Lisa Berry-Koeppen Tel: 763-350-5233

Education and Recruiting Plan

In order to provide for a positive youth soccer environment, the MSC will take the following steps to encourage participation by community members as coaches and improve team coaching:

- ✓ Designate a coaches coordinator; tasks shall include implementing this plan;
- ✓ Recruit a minimum of two new coaches per year from parents (especially of new or younger players) and other community members (especially those involved with local adult soccer);
- ✓ Provide a coaching clinic annually with an instructor provided by MSC;

- ✓ Facilitate additional training for coaches, for example provide timely information to coaches on clinics offered through Minnesota Youth Soccer Association.
- ✓ Provide copies of soccer instructional material packets to coaches (age-appropriate); and provide access to soccer rule books and additional instructional materials (e.g., through board members);
- ✓ Sponsor coaches meetings before the season;
- ✓ Encourage opportunities for coaches to play soccer (many of our coaches have little or no playing experience); encourage coaches to participate in informal soccer games among adults in the community;
- ✓ Encourage coaches to learn and implement new coaching techniques during the season;
- ✓ Board members shall monitor coach performance by observing practices and games and talking with players and parents; assistance will be offered to coaches where appropriate;

Coaching Director: Lisa Berry-Koeppen Tel: 763-350-5233

Referee Educational and Recruitment Plan

In order to provide for a positive youth soccer environment, the MSC will take the following steps to encourage participation by community members as referees and improve refereeing at games:

- ✓ Provide referees with information about referee programs that emphasize player education and safety in a recreational setting;
- ✓ Provide referees for all 4th and 5th grade games;
- ✓ Provide instructional materials on soccer rules and refereeing procedures to all referees;
- ✓ Facilitate orientation and training of referees;
- ✓ Board members will monitor referee performance by observing referees as well as discussing their performance with coaches;
- ✓ Provide access to additional training and replace referees as appropriate.
- ✓ Advertise for new refs from the older players and player parents in the club.

Referee Coordinator: **Lisa Berry-Koeppen Tel: 763-350-5233**

Risk Management Plan

In order to provide for a positive youth soccer environment, the MSC will take the following steps to minimize player and coach injuries and adverse experiences:

- ✓ Designate a risk management coordinator, typically a MSC board member; tasks shall include implementing this plan and keeping first aid kits supplied and distributed;
- ✓ First aid kits will be available on all fields and coaches informed of where those kits are;
- ✓ Require all players to wear shin guards, no jewelry and bring full water bottles;

- ✓ Player safety will be included in coaches and referees orientation;
- ✓ Continue involvement of medically trained personnel in the program;
- ✓ Games will not be played under unsafe conditions .
- ✓ All coaches and board members will sign consent forms for background searches annually;
- ✓ Player-parent contact data will be kept by the coordinator for emergency contact in case of injury;
- ✓ Board members will actively monitor coach behavior for any inappropriate or abusive behavior.

Risk Coordinator: **Tye Biasco Tel: 763-263-0189**

Field Development Plan

- ✓ The MSC will continue to work with the Community Education Department to determine which fields will be safe and available for rec soccer use;
- ✓ The MSC will keep the fields lined and free from hazards, hazards that are not removable will be marked before game or practice play.