



PLAYER, COACH, PARENT EXPECTATIONS

MUTH UNITED FC CLUB EXPECTATIONS

PURPOSE: All members of MUTH UNITED FC (MUFC) are expected to model exemplary behavior, dedication and commitment to the sport, the club, their teammates, coaches and officials. Parents make a huge sacrifice for their sons/daughters to participate. Our coaches must always be dedicated to the player development mission of the club and maintain the highest standards of professionalism and personal conduct.

As players, parents, coaches and club members, we agree to the following policies.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MUFC PLAYERS

1. Players shall place the safety and welfare of teammates and opponents above the value of winning.
2. Players shall always understand how to play within the Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the game.
3. Players shall encourage and condone appropriate behavior from teammates in any situation and conduct their own personal lives in a manner that brings honor to themselves, team and Club.
4. All players strive to give maximum effort in training sessions and games.
5. All players must wear training appropriate gear to all training sessions.
6. Plan on attending all practices and games. Injured players are expected to attend practices and games, listen to instructions and encourage teammates unless prearranged with the coach.
7. If a player must miss a practice, they must inform the coach at the earliest possible time.
8. All players have a responsibility to make sure all teammates are treated with respect.
9. Players are expected to seek understanding and resolution when questions or problems arise with teammates or coaches.
10. Players shall not engage in any physical or verbal confrontation with any opposing player, coach, or supporter.
11. Players shall share in the responsibilities of team leadership and shall be accountable for the conduct of their teammates.
12. Players shall extend respect and courtesy to match and competition officials.
13. Players shall comply with the rules, policies and procedures established by USYS/US Club Soccer and the applicable Member Organization.
14. Players shall participate in community service projects and MUFC events when available to do so.
15. Your commitment, per MSYSA and US Club rules is for one year from tryout to tryout.

MUTH UNITED FC CLUB PARENT EXPECTATIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES TO MUFC PLAYERS AND COACHES

1. Parents shall place the safety and welfare of players above the value of winning.
2. Parents shall always encourage all players to play within the Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the game.
3. Parents shall encourage and condone appropriate behavior from players in any situation.
4. All comments by parents and their guests from the sidelines will be encouraging and/or complimentary.
5. The coaches are the coaches at the soccer field. Parents agree to refrain from coaching their child or other players during all games and practices. No parent is allowed in the immediate bench area unless they are on the official roster.
6. Parents will discuss player and/or team concerns directly with the Head Coach with their child present when possible. This meeting will be SCHEDULED for a time after practice and may involve a Board Member if necessary.
7. Parents will support (and if necessary, assist) their children to meet the expectations in this document.
8. AWAY FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY AT ALL TRAINING SESSIONS, GAMES OR TOURNAMENTS, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT NOT THAT OF THE CLUB OR COACH, TO MONITOR ALL PLAYER BEHAVIOR AND ENSURE PLAYER SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.
9. Parents shall encourage and expect players to engage in fair play without the



intent of causing injury to an opponent. 10. Parents shall not engage in any physical or verbal confrontation with any opposing player, coach, or supporter. 11. Parents shall support team leadership. 12. Parents shall extend respect and courtesy to match and competition officials. 13. Parents shall use their influence and authority to deter inappropriate conduct by supporters towards officials and opponents. 14. Parents shall comply with the rules, policies and procedures established by USYS/US Club Soccer and the applicable Member Organization as well as MUFC policies. 15. Parents shall become aware of the rules, policies and procedures of USYS/US Club Soccer and the applicable Member Organization regarding player and team eligibility, team formation, and recruiting, poaching. 16. Parents are responsible for volunteering for MUFC fundraising activities.

MUFC CLUB COACHING EXPECTATIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES TO MUFC PLAYERS AND PARENTS

1. Coaches shall place the safety and welfare of players above the value of winning.
2. Coaches shall always encourage all players to play within the Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the game.
3. Coaches shall encourage and condone appropriate behavior from players in any situation.
4. Coaches are responsible to abide by Michigan Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer, NSCAA and/or Club rules of conduct and behavior.
5. Coaches will balance individual growth, social development and the acquisition of soccer knowledge and skills in working with individual players and the team BY utilizing the curriculum recommendations adopted by MUFC.
6. Coaches will promote a positive club atmosphere, which embraces support of all coaches, players and parents.
7. Coaches will be prepared to run training sessions in a professional manner.
8. Coaches will give feedback to players and/or parents in a manner consistent with the age group curriculum.
9. Coaches will be available to meet with players and parents to discuss concerns if that meeting was scheduled in the proper manner as outlined in the resolution policy.
10. Coaches will extend respect and courtesy to match officials. Coaches shall comply with the rules, policies and procedures established by USYS/US Club Soccer and the applicable Member Organization.
11. Coaches shall become aware of the rules, policies and procedures of USYS/US Club Soccer and the applicable Member Organization regarding player and team eligibility, team formation, and recruiting, poaching.

Leagues may offer players and parent's distinct levels of travel soccer. The leagues MUFC teams will participate in are outlined in the year schedule and are evaluated on a consistent basis. Therefore, leagues MUFC participates in may change.

Equipment Uniforms

All teams must wear the MUFC official uniform package in MUFC approved colors and from the official supplier. Use of the club's MUFC logo and alternate logo's must be approved by the board for use on team apparel.

Select Expenses – As a member of MUFC, it is the club's policy to make actual costs to play travel soccer available and as transparent as possible. We recognize that playing travel soccer is expensive. That expense is due, in part, to the club's commitment to giving your child the best opportunity to learn and develop through the sport of soccer. We expect the best from our coaches, our facilities and our travel families. We will consistently look for and offer opportunities to enhance our developmental offerings while trying to maintain as inexpensive a basic cost as possible.



Required Player Fees:

Players are expected to and responsible for the following yearly fees. Players are responsible for: Uniform Kit expenses, Player registration (this is a yearly registration in accordance to MSYSA and USYS as well as US Club Soccer), club and administrative fees to include league play, state cup, winter training, referee fees as a part of a league and both the tournaments each year.

Other fees that may be incurred only with an additional tournament or for those desiring to play with MUFC when offered.

MUFC – 2019-2020 Costs

AGE	Annual Costs*
U9-U11	\$500.00
U12-U14	\$500.00
U15-U18	\$500.00

*Costs are Estimated - Actual cost is determined by the number of players on the team roster (which can vary throughout the year) as well as variations which may be made to the team schedule.

*There is an additional \$25.00 service charge if you opt for the payment plan.

Estimated Costs Above Include

Club Dues – Club dues include training space, coaching fees, outdoor league fees, indoor league fees, indoor practice fees, tournaments and club administrative costs. Club dues are fixed costs which are payable online with set due dates.

Depending on the age group costs can vary do to different league fees, state cup participation, referee pay scales, etc. An example is detailed below of the costs per player on an annual basis.

Player fee Breakdown	% of Annual Fee
Field Maintenance	30%
Referee Costs	18%
League and Tournament fees	12%
Uniforms and supplies	10% (split over 2 seasons – total of 20%)
Coaches and Training	10%
Professional Fees	7%
Misc (printing, nets, supplies, website, etc)	5%
Team Equipment-Gym Rental	5%
Insurance	3%

Uniform Expenses – The jerseys, shorts, and socks rotate every 2 years.



Financial Assistance

The MUFC will offer financial assistance/scholarships to those families whose players would otherwise be unable to play. Please visit the Forms and Docs page on the website and click on the “Scholarship” button to submit the application.

CLUB POLICIES

Payment of Fees

ALL players will be expected to pay their first payment at Team announcements. MUFC does have a payment plan which can be checked upon registration (There is an additional \$25.00 service charge if you opt for the payment plan). MUFC will work hard to help parents and players navigate the payments but it is the responsibility of each MUFC family to make sure they are up to date on payments.

ALL accounts 30 days past due will result in the temporary suspension of that player from competition until payment is made. Please contact the Board if you need assistance.

Risk Management

The MUFC, on behalf of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), requires the submission of a Risk Management form for all persons over the age of 18 that will directly work with youth players (e.g. Head Coaches, assistant coach, team manager and trainers). Additional information may be found at <http://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/Page539.aspx> in the Risk Management section. Coaches must provide documented proof of Risk Management at all games and practices.

Player Safety

- Policy of MUFC is committed to providing a safe environment for players, parents, coaches and administrators. MUFC has adopted KidSafe risk management guidelines set forth by US Youth Soccer.
- All coaches undergo a hiring process. All coaches and managers go through a background check with MSYSA.
- All players go through a tryout process each year. No one is guaranteed a spot on a roster, but we work hard to make sure that most players who want to play have an avenue to pursue that passion.
- Coaches may have limited tenures with teams and assignments may change.
- During the registration process, players, parents and coaches agree to follow Club Expectations and Club Policies Limited personal information about MUFC players and their families are present on the web page.
- Practices are held at the fields in the open where more than one adult is in the area.
- Coaches comply with strict guidelines regarding on and off field behavior.
- MUFC will follow proper protocol and will alert authorities if allegations of improper behavior are made by players, parents or coaches



Concussion protocol- Guidelines are in place through Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, which outline the proper protocol when dealing with a suspected concussion. All MUFC Coaches have watched the Heads-up Concussion Training Video required by the state.

As mandated by US Soccer, players age 11 and under will not head the ball.

Weather policy

Lightning

MUFC follows common guidelines on the presence of lightning. Practices and games will be suspended and will not resume until 30 minutes after the last sign of lightning/thunder.

Practice Cancellations On those days where bad weather forces practice being cancelled, you will receive an e-mail from MUFC.

Practices cancelled by your coach will be communicated by your coach. Coaches are instructed to find a replacement staff member to take practice and to only cancel as a last resort.