

# Midland Soccer Club Information Packet

The information contained within this document is intended to provide current and future Select players and parents, with information on the select programs expectations, cost, additional opportunities and general policies.

## Club History

The Midland Soccer Club started in 1977 as a charitable (501 C.3) and educational organization formed to organize, advance and foster the sport of soccer for players in the Midland, Michigan area. Unlike other sports clubs in Midland, we practice and play on 30 fields over 54 acres of land, which we own and take care of without the help of the city. This beautiful setting is home to our recreational program, which offers leagues for U4-18 boys and girls, our Fusion program, which currently has over 28 teams competing in various travel leagues within Michigan, an adult "open" league, Men's over 30 league, women's league and a Co-ed league which allow us to truly offer residents of Midland and the surrounding area the chance to play the game of soccer all their lives. In 2012, we started a TopSoccer program, which is tailored to players with special needs. Our goal is to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a disability, in a safe and secure environment.

## Mission

The mission of the Midland Soccer Club is to provide all soccer players with an opportunity to learn, develop, and compete at the highest level of desired play.

## Vision

The vision of the Midland Soccer Club is to be the leading soccer program in the state, recognized for excellence in player and coach development, facilities, sportsmanship and competition.

## Player Development

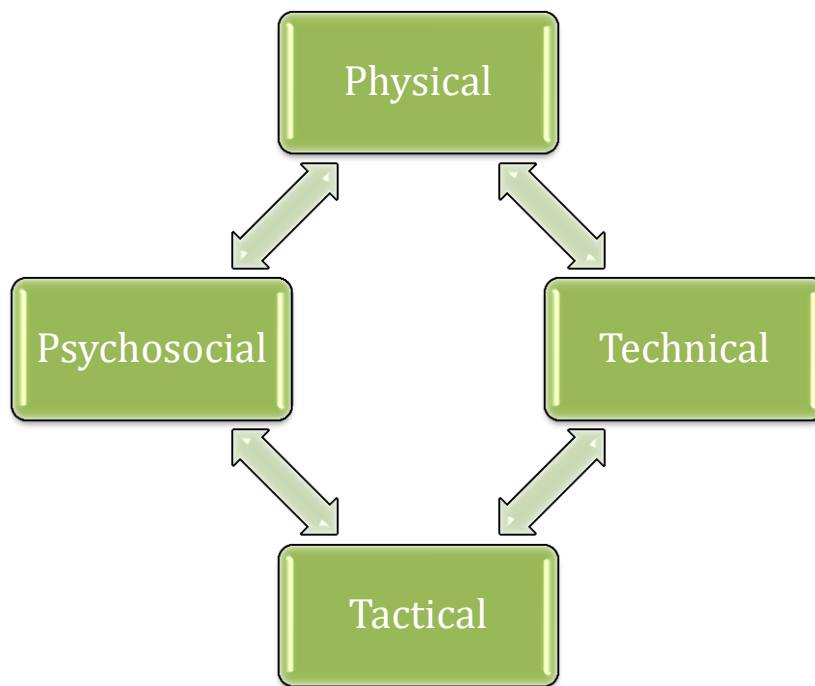
Midland Soccer Club is committed to providing a competitive and fun atmosphere, which will challenge its players in all four of the following elements.

Soccer decisions made within the club will be based on the following:

- Player Development
- Team Development
- Club Development
- Logistics/family

Players will be urged at the youngest ages to develop competency and confidence with the ball at their feet. Teams will be encouraged to play an indirect style of soccer or possession with purpose and understanding. This may put our teams at risk of losing games at the youngest ages because our coaches will put our players in a position to build from the back, link passes and hold the ball under pressure as opposed to playing a direct ball up to the one or two fast kids and let them score. It is important that patience is practiced by players, parents and coaches as the developmental process unfolds. The players will become much more dominant as they get older and mature.

The Fusion program is dedicated to developing players along the following four pillars



**Currently, the fusion program follows the recommendations of US Soccer, the NSCAA and US Clubsoccer and their emphasis on ball mastery at the earliest ages.**

#### **The MSC Difference**

- **Premier outdoor and indoor facilities**
- **Winter training (1-2 per week)**
- **Futsal**
- **Technical training through academy programs**
- **Specialized Goalkeeper Training**
- **College Advisory Program partnered with Soccerrecruits.com**
  - **MSC Club recruiting events**
- **US Club events**
- **Tournament teams**
- **Community Outreach**
- **Summer camps**

# THE MSC WAY=BETTER PLAYERS

## U9

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Developmental Focus</b>        | Technical<br>Social<br>Physical<br>Tactical<br>Psychological |
| <b>Specialized Training</b>       | Attack and Defend in 1's and 2's                             |
| <b>Optimal Length of Training</b> | 60 min.  |
| <b>Optimal Training Ratio</b>     | 2-3/week Fall/Spring, 1-2 Winter                             |
| <b>Training Format</b>            | 1v1 to 7v7   |
| <b>Game Format</b>                | 7v7 (U9)   |
| <b>System</b>                     | 1-3-1-2 or 1-2-3-1   |
| <b>Playing Time</b>               | Approximately 50% of the seasons games                       |
| <b>Evaluations</b>                | 3 (Fall, Winter, Spring)                                     |

## Developmental Schedule

|                       | <b>Fall</b>   | <b>Winter</b> | <b>Spring</b> | <b>Summer</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>U9 Fusion</b>      | MMYSL         | Futsal        | MMYSL         | Academy I     |
| <b>Other training</b> | Academy       | Academy       | Academy       | Academy       |
|                       | Goalkeeping   | Goalkeeping   | Goalkeeping   | Goalkeeping   |
|                       | Open Practice | Open Practice | Open Practice | Open Practice |

# Academy I is offered all year round and is designed to increase technical proficiency to reach the age appropriate competencies outlined (ages 9-12)

## U10-U12

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Developmental Focus</b>        | Technical<br>Social<br>Tactical<br>Physical<br>Psychological  |
| <b>Specialized Training</b>       | Specialist Positions  |
| <b>Optimal Length of Training</b> | 90 min.   |
| <b>Optimal Training Ratio</b>     | 3 Fall and Spring, 1-2 Winter   |
| <b>Training Format</b>            | 1v1 to 9v9  |
| <b>Game Format</b>                | 7v7 (U10), 9v9 (U11-12)   |
| <b>System</b>                     | 1-3-1-2 or 1-2-3-1, 1-3-2-3 or 1-2-4-2  |
| <b>Psychosocial Respect</b>       | Learn to interact in a positive manner with teammates, coaches and referees.  |
| <b>Discipline</b>                 | Learn the importance of discipline and that details matter.   |
| <b>Competitiveness</b>            | Learn that adversity is present in sport and and that what is valued most is the effort to overcome that adversity. |
| <b>FUN</b>                        | The fun is in the organization of practice and games.   |
| <b>Playing Time</b>               | Approximately 50% of the year's games   |
| <b>Evaluations</b>                | 3 Formal coach evaluations- Fall, Winter, Spring  |

## Developmental Schedule

|                      | <b>Fall</b>                             | <b>Winter</b>                           | <b>Spring</b>                           | <b>Summer</b> |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---------------|
| <b>U10-12 Fusion</b> | Fusion<br>Jr State Cup                  | Futsal*                                 | Fusion<br>Jr State Cup                  | Academy I     |
| <b>Other</b>         | Academy<br>Goalkeeping<br>Open practice | Academy<br>Goalkeeping<br>Open practice | Academy<br>Goalkeeping<br>Open Practice | Goalkeeping   |

# Academy I is offered all year round and is designed to increase technical proficiency to reach the age appropriate competencies outlined (ages 9-12)

\*Futsal is the league of choice because the game fits the developmental model on competencies better at this age. 1 session of Indoor or a tournament may be substituted.

## U13-U15

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Developmental Focus</b>        | Technical<br>Tactical<br>Physical<br>Psychological<br>Social   |
| <b>Specialized Training</b>       | Tactics in Groups and Units  |
| <b>Optimal Length of Training</b> | 90 min.  |
| <b>Optimal Training Ratio</b>     | 3 Fall/Spring, 2 Winter  |
| <b>Training Format</b>            | 4v4 to 11v11   |
| <b>Game Format</b>                | 11v11  |
| <b>System</b>                     | 1-4-3-3, 1-4-2-3-1, 1-4-4-2  |
| <b>Psychosocial Respect</b>       | Process of how to effectively communicate even through adversity.  |
| <b>Discipline</b>                 | Develop a connection between continued development and training discipline.  |
| <b>Competitiveness</b>            | Players continue to learn ways to attack adversity and develop strategies to overcome it.  |
| <b>FUN</b>                        | The fun is in the organization of practice and the process of relating it to games.  |
| <b>Playing Time</b>               | 13-14-Approximately 25% of the year's games.<br>15- Merit based  |
| <b>Evaluations</b>                | 2 formal evaluations from the coach, 2 goal setting self-evaluations by the player with follow up meetings at the end of the year. |

## Developmental Schedule

|                      | <b>Fall</b>                             | <b>Winter</b>                                      | <b>Spring</b>                           | <b>Summer</b>          |
|----------------------|---|--|---|------------------------|
| <b>U13-15 Fusion</b> | Fusion<br>State Cup (Green teams)       | Futsal/Indoor*                                     | Fusion<br>State Cup (Green Teams)       | Academy I/II<br>Driven |
| <b>Other</b>         | Academy<br>Goalkeeping<br>Open practice | Academy<br>Goalkeeping<br>Open practice<br>US Club | Academy<br>Goalkeeping<br>Open Practice | Goalkeeping<br>US Club |

# Academy I is offered all year round and is designed to increase technical proficiency to reach the age appropriate competencies outlined (ages 9-12)

\*Futsal, 1 indoor session or a tournament

## U16-U19

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Developmental Focus</b>        | Tactical<br>Psychological<br>Technical<br>Physical<br>Social   |
| <b>Specialized Training</b>       | Whole Team Tactics   |
| <b>Optimal Length of Training</b> | 90 min.  |
| <b>Optimal Training Ratio</b>     | 3 Fall/Spring, 2 Winter  |
| <b>Training Format</b>            | 4v4 to 11v11   |
| <b>Game Format</b>                | 11v11  |
| <b>System</b>                     | Vary based on game factors   |
| <b>Psychosocial Respect</b>       | Players apply their ability to communicate to push their teammates.                                    |
| <b>Discipline</b>                 | Players understand the training process and what it takes to reach their peak.                         |
| <b>Competitiveness</b>            | Understanding that adversity is a part of all sport and looking forward to the challenges it presents. |
| <b>FUN</b>                        | The fun is in the journey and all the challenges met together as a team.                               |
| <b>Playing Time</b>               | Merit based  |
| <b>Evaluations</b>                | Formal self-evaluations, consistent feedback from coaches on a weekly basis                            |

## Developmental Schedule

|                      | <b>Fall</b>            | <b>Winter</b>            | <b>Spring</b>          | <b>Summer</b>          |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>U16-19 Fusion</b> | Fusion                 | Futsal/Indoor            | Fusion                 | Academy I              |
| <b>Other</b>         | Academy<br>Goalkeeping | Academy<br>Goalkeeping   | Academy<br>Goalkeeping | Goalkeeping<br>US Club |
|                      | Open practice          | Open practice<br>US Club | Open Practice          |                        |

# Academy I is offered all year round and is designed to increase technical proficiency to reach the age appropriate competencies outlined (ages 9-12). Finishing and position specific training may be offered as well for ages 13+

## Yearly Schedule- Fusion

|                       | Fall                        | Winter                  | Spring                  | Summer                  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>U9</b>             | <b>Learn to Train</b>       |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 2-3                         | 1-2                     | 2-3                     |                         |
| <b>League</b>         | MMYSL                       | Futsal                  | MMYSL                   |                         |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other | CMU 5-a-side            | MIT<br>^one other       |                         |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper     | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper |
| <b>U10</b>            | <b>Learn to Train</b>       |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 2-3                         | 1-2                     | 2-3                     |                         |
| <b>League</b>         | MMYSL                       | Futsal                  | MMYSL                   |                         |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other | CMU 5-a-side            | MIT<br>^one other       |                         |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper     | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper |
| <b>U11 Green</b>      | <b>Learn to Train</b>       |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 2-3                         | 1-2                     | 2-3                     |                         |
| <b>League</b>         | WSSL/MMYSL                  | Futsal                  | WSSL/MMYSL              |                         |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other | CMU 5-a-side            | MIT<br>^one other       |                         |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper     | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper |
| <b>U11 White</b>      | <b>Learn to Train</b>       |                         |                         |                         |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 2-3                         | 1-2                     | 2-3                     |                         |
| <b>League</b>         | MMYSL                       | Futsal                  | MMYSL                   |                         |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other | CMU 5-a-side            | MIT<br>^one other       |                         |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper     | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper |

^One other tournament either in the Fall or Spring

|                       | <b>Fall</b>                              | <b>Winter</b>                            | <b>Spring</b>                            | <b>Summer</b>           |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| <b>U12 Green</b>      | <b>Learn to Train</b>                    |  |  |                         |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3  | 2  | 3  |                         |
| <b>League</b>         | WSSL/MMYSL                               | Futsal                                   | WSSL/MMYSL                               |                         |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other              | CMU 5-a-side                             | MIT<br>^one other                        |                         |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper                  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper                  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper                  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper |
| <b>U12 White</b>      | <b>Learn to Train</b>                    |  |  |                         |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3  | 2  | 3  |                         |
| <b>League</b>         | MMYSL                                    | Futsal                                   | MMYSL                                    |                         |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other              | CMU 5-a-side                             | MIT<br>^one other                        |                         |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper                  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper                  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper                  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper |
| <b>U13 Green</b>      | <b>Train to Compete</b>                  |  |  |                         |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3  | 2  | 3  |                         |
| <b>League</b>         | MSPSP                                    | Futsal/Indoor                            | MSPSP                                    |                         |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other              | CMU 5-a-side<br>Or another               | MIT<br>^one other                        | Academy I               |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Goalkeeper              |

^One other tournament either in the Fall or Spring for U9-10, U11-13 may choose to participate in 2 additional tournaments over the year.

Starting at age 13, a winter tournament may replace or supplement a league

Starting at age 11, a MSC Black team may be formed to compete in tournaments in the Winter and/or Summer. This team will be picked by the Technical Director from recommendations by coaches and from those interested to participate. Teams may be combined ages (11-12, 13-14, 15+ for example)

& League participation may change



|                       | Fall                                      | Winter                                    | Spring                                    | Summer                                    |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>U14 Green</b>      | <b>Train to Compete</b>                   |   |   |   |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3   | 2   | 3   |   |
| <b>League</b>         | MSPSP                                     | Futsal or                                 | MSPSP                                     |   |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other               | Tourn.                                    | MIT<br>^one other                         |   |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice |
| <b>U13/14 White</b>   | <b>Train to Compete</b>                   |   |   |   |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3   | 2   | 3   |   |
| <b>League</b>         | WSSL/MMYSL                                | Futsal                                    | WSSL/MMYSL                                |   |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other               | CMU 5-a-side                              | MIT<br>^one other                         |   |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  |
| <b>U15 Green</b>      | <b>Compete to Win</b>                     |   |   |   |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3   | 2   | 3   |   |
| <b>League</b>         | MSPSP                                     | Futsal/Indoor                             | MSPSP                                     |   |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other               | Tourn                                     | MIT<br>^one other                         |   |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice |
| <b>U16 Green</b>      | <b>Compete to Win</b>                     |   |   |   |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3   | 2   | 3   |   |
| <b>League</b>         | MSPSP                                     | Futsal/Indoor                             | MSPSP                                     |   |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other               | Tourn*                                    | MIT<br>^one other                         |   |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice | Academy II<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice |
| <b>U17 Green</b>      | <b>Compete to Win</b>                     |   |   |   |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | 3   | 2   | 3   |   |
| <b>League</b>         | MSPSP                                     | Futsal/Indoor                             | MSPSP                                     |   |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | Fusion Invit.<br>^one other               | Tourn*                                    | MIT<br>^one other                         |   |
| <b>Other Training</b> | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  | Academy I<br>Goalkeeper<br>Open Practice  |

|                       |                       |                      |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>U18/19 Green</b>   | <b>Compete to Win</b> |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Practice/week</b>  | <b>3</b>              | <b>2</b>             | <b>3</b>             |                      |
| <b>League</b>         | <b>MSPSP</b>          | <b>Futsal/Indoor</b> | <b>MSPSP</b>         |                      |
| <b>Tournaments</b>    | <b>Fusion Invit.</b>  | <b>Tourn*</b>        | <b>MIT</b>           |                      |
|                       | <b>^one other</b>     |                      | <b>^one other</b>    |                      |
| <b>Other Training</b> | <b>Academy II</b>     | <b>Academy II</b>    | <b>Academy II</b>    | <b>Academy II</b>    |
|                       | <b>Goalkeeper</b>     | <b>Goalkeeper</b>    | <b>Goalkeeper</b>    | <b>Goalkeeper</b>    |
|                       | <b>Open Practice</b>  | <b>Open Practice</b> | <b>Open Practice</b> | <b>Open Practice</b> |

**\*\*\* The yearly schedule is evaluated constantly and may change\*\*\***

### **College Recruiting/advancement:**

MSC is the only club in the area to offer a full time college recruiting director with over 17 years of Division I coaching experience. Seminars, player profile creation, course advisement, team profiles are all covered by the recruiting director *and our partnership with soccerrecruits.com* empowers our players and families with the technology to actively search for schools which are the right fit athletically, academically and socially.

### **Extra Training Opportunities**

Midland Soccer Club provides additional training opportunities for players to increase their skill level. As a member of the club, players may attend other teams training as appropriate and subject to the approval of the both coaches and/or Technical Director

Midland Soccer Club also offers a wide array of academy sessions on an extra fee basis. Check <http://midlandsoccerclub.org> for availability, times and offerings.

### **Goalkeeping Training**

Midland soccer club recognizes the position of goalkeeper as a specialized position and offers in season training for all our goalkeepers.

### **Coaching Staff**

The Midland Soccer Club (MSC) requires that all coaches work to obtain at least a US Soccer "E" license or NSCAA Level 6 Diploma to remain a coach in the club. The technical director, under consultation with the Director of Select will recommend coaches for its Select teams based on the applicants' qualifications, team needs and club needs. Preference is given to those with a US Soccer "D" License and/or NSCAA National Diploma.

Head Coaches should meet the minimum requirements of the league (MSC, MSPSP, MMYSL or MYSL). <http://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/Page553.aspx> and/or <http://www.mspsl.org/>.

**\*\* STAFF COACHING ASSIGNMENTS MAY CHANGE**

## **Tryouts**

The Midland soccer club and the coaching staff are committed to conducting tryouts in a manner that allows for multiple evaluators to view each player.

## **Format**

All Select teams shall be formed using a public tryout format. This tryout format follows US Soccer and US Club Soccer's guidelines to tryout organization and selection. Supplemental tryouts can be held at any time and will follow the rules for such tryouts as outlined by MSYSA.

## **Evaluators**

The tryouts for each age group will be conducted by the Midland Soccer Club staff, in conjunction with the team(s) Head Coach.

Evaluators will look for the following characteristics in determining if players are able to play for Midland Fusion. It is common for different characteristics to be emphasized at different ages based on common sense developmental factors. This list covers characteristics all age groups will be judged on. **This is not inclusive of all areas of evaluation.**

- Pace/athleticism
- Technical skill and speed
- Tactical awareness of shape and space
- Work ethic/rate and individual motivation
- Competitiveness

## **Playing up**

Players may be assigned to play for a team in an older age group.

- Tryouts- Players may be asked to tryout for an older team if they have been evaluated as a top player in their age group AND it is clearly in the players best interest for LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT, mentally, socially, technically, tactically and physically as determined by the Technical Director, Director of Select and MSC Staff.
- Assignment- Players may be asked to play up on a team based on the Technical Director and coaching staff's belief, in consultation with the Director of Select, that this player will be an impact player on the older team and will allow for appropriate, continued development of the player. The player and parents will be consulted about this possibility and have the ability to choose which team they would like to play for.
- Players who would like to tryout at an older age group and are currently playing at age must attend their age tryout first and be evaluated as one of the top 2-3 players in order to be asked to attend the older age tryout.

## **TEAM FORMATION**

Players may be notified that they are being offered a spot at any time during the two day tryout or any supplemental tryout(s).

**MSC reserves the right to move players between teams within the club at anytime.**

## **TEAM ORGANIZATION**

Based on US Soccer's recommendation and MSC's player development model, ALL soccer training, coaching and playing activities will be organized and/or conducted by MSC coaching staff members. **No other person will be permitted to coach MSC players, organize tournaments, open practices, etc.. without written consent from the Technical Director**

- For logistical issues like club payment, uniforms, travel information, please contact your team manager
- For soccer related issues like playing time, performance, scheduling conflicts, please contact your coach using the protocol set forth in the PLAYER, COACH, PARENT EXPECTATIONS

## **Club Conflict resolution for Players/parents**

### **STEP 1**

If a conflict arises between your player and the coach, please contact your coach to schedule a meeting time after a practice or a game. At U13 and older, we believe that part of growing as a player is to be able to communicate with your coach so it is important that your player be present for such issues as playing time concerns, effort concerns, performance questions or questions on the evaluations.

### **STEP 2**

For other concerns and if your concerns above were not satisfactorily met, please inform your coach that you would like the Technical Director to be involved. Contact the Technical Director to arrange a time to discuss the concerns.

### **STEP 3**

If the concerns are still not addressed and you feel you need to talk to the select committee, please inform the Technical Director and he will arrange to have a meeting with the Director of Select and current select board members. The full board and executive board will also be notified and reserves the right to be present at the meeting.

# **PLAYER, COACH, PARENT EXPECTATIONS**

## **MIDLAND SOCCER CLUB EXPECTATIONS**

**PURPOSE:** All members of Midland Soccer Club 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 be dedicated to the player development mission of the club and maintain the highest standards of professionalism and personal conduct at all times.

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

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MSC PLAYERS**

1. Players shall place the safety and welfare of teammates and opponents above the value of winning.
2. Players shall understand how to play within the Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
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 club specified gear and sweats (once available) 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 MSC events when available to do so.
- 15. Your commitment, per MSYSA and US Club rules is for one year from tryout to tryout.**

# MIDLAND SOCCER CLUB PARENT EXPECTATIONS

## RESPONSIBILITIES TO MSC PLAYERS AND COACHES

1. Parents shall place the safety and welfare of players above the value of winning.
2. Parents shall encourage all players to play within the Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
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 the Technical Director and/or Director of Select.
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 MSC 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 both the FIT and MIT tournaments.**

# MIDLAND SOCCER CLUB COACHING EXPECTATIONS

## RESPONSIBILITIES TO MSC PLAYERS AND PARENTS

1. Coaches shall place the safety and welfare of players above the value of winning.
2. Coaches shall encourage all players to play within the Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
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 MSC.
6. **Coaches will promote a positive club atmosphere, which embraces support of all coaches, players and parents (recreational, fusion, top soccer, adult).**
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.**
17. 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.
18. 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

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

## Equipment

### Uniforms

All teams must wear the MSC's official uniform package, which consists of shorts, socks, warm-up, practice t's, (3) jerseys in MSC approved colors and from the official supplier (Adidas and Gotsoccer) (Kelly green, black or white or combinations thereof). Use of the club's Fusion logo and alternate logo's must be approved by the select committee for use on team apparel.

## Select Expenses –

As a member of MSC Fusion, 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 clubs 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 Midland Soccer Club hold each year.

Other fees that may be incurred only with an additional tournament (minus the MSC MIT and FIT tournaments) or for those desiring to play with MSC Black teams when offered.

## Midland Soccer Club – Select Program 2016-2017 Costs

| Age Group | Annual Costs* |
|-----------|---------------|
| U8-U11    | \$680         |
| U12-U14   | \$740         |
| U15-U18   | \$450         |

### \*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. Due to local High School Soccer the U15-U18 teams only play one season of the year.

### Estimated Costs Above Include

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

Team Fees – These fees include indoor league fees, and tournament expenses, including state cup. They are payable directly to the team via the team manager. This is a variable expense which is unique to each team and funds are collected as needed by the team manager.



Depending on the age group costs can vary do to different league fees, state cup participation, referee pay scales, etc. The tournaments hosted by Midland Soccer Club help to offset the fees of the Midland Fusion players. An example is detailed below of the costs per player on an annual basis.

| Costs to Play                           | Estimated Cost per player on annual basis |
|---|---|
| Winter Training (all ages) / 2 per week | \$100                                     |
| Referee & League Fees                   | \$160                                     |
| Facilities and Administration costs     | \$290                                     |
| Coaches Pay/compensation                | \$343                                     |
| MSC hosted tournaments                  | (\$125)                                   |
| Estimated Total Cost                    | \$728                                     |
| <b>Additional Costs not included</b>    |   |
| Uniforms (See Below)                    |   |
| Tournaments & Indoor Leagues            |   |
| Coaches expenses(if needed)             |   |

### Estimated Costs Above Do Not Include

Uniform Expenses – The jerseys, shorts, and socks rotate every 2 years. The detail cost estimate is indicated below:

| Quantity Required | Description                                  | Youth Cost | Adult Cost |
|-------------------|--|------------|------------|
| 1                 | Green Adidas Estro 15 Jersey                 | \$21.75    | \$23.06    |
| 1                 | White Adidas Tiro 15 Jersey                  | \$31.51    | \$34.77    |
| 1                 | Black Squadra Long Sleeve Jersey             | \$31.51    | \$31.51    |
| 2                 | Black Adidas Tastico 15 Shorts               | \$29.92    | \$32.52    |
| 1                 | Black Adidas Tiro 15 Warm-up Jacket          | \$44.77    | \$48.03    |
| 1                 | Black Adidas Tiro 15 Warm-up Pants           | \$28.77    | \$32.02    |
| 2                 | Gray Adidas Cotton Shirt Sleeve Tee          | \$20.30    | \$20.30    |
| 1                 | White/Black Adidas Copa Zone II Cushion Sock | \$7.62     | \$7.62     |
| <b>Optional</b>   |  |            |            |
| 1                 | Stadium Team Backpack                        | \$53.46    | \$53.46    |

### Travel Expenses (Not Included in Estimated Costs Above)

- Travel expenses include family travel and hotel expenses.
- **Actual costs up to \$300 for hotel expenses for the head coach at each tournament and \$20/day stipend. This is to be split between teams if the coach has more than one team at the tournament.**
- Some teams have high travel fees. Tournament fees may vary based on the tournaments that each team attends.

### Optional Expenses Which May Be Incurred

- Academy Training and Camps – Training classes and camps offered through MSC, such as dribbling and finishing, are considered optional.
- Other Team Expenses – These expenses are unique to each team (i.e. tents, benches, gifts).

### Additional Team Expenses

Penalties (team bonds) or additional fees (e.g. early player passcards, extraordinary player drop or adds, etc) incurred by a team are the responsibility of that team.

### Financial Assistance

The MSC offer financial assistance/scholarships to those families whose players would otherwise be unable to play. Please visit the “Scholarship” tab of our website to download the application form.

## **CLUB POLICIES**

### **Payment of Fees**

**ALL** players will be expected to pay their first payment **before July 5<sup>th</sup>**. MSC does have a payment plan which can be checked upon registration. MSC will work hard to help parents and players navigate the payments but it is the responsibility of each MSC family to make sure they are up to date on payments.

ALL accounts 14 days past due will result in the temporary suspension of that player from competition until payment is made. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

### **Risk Management**

The MSC, 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.

### **Player Safety Policy**

Midland Soccer Club is committed to providing a safe environment for players, parents, coaches and administrators. MSC 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 have 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 MSC Fusion players and their families are present on the web page.
- Practices are held at the complex in the open where more than one adult is in the area.
- Coaches comply with strict guidelines regarding on and off field behavior.
- MSC Fusion 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 Midland Soccer Club 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**

Midland soccer club owns the land on which the fields sit. We do not receive any assistance from the state for its upkeep. As such, when the fields are wet and the potential of harming field integrity are high, ALL fields will be closed except, when noted, the field space adjacent to Jefferson St.

### **Lightning**

Midland soccer club 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 the complex to close, you will receive an e-mail from MSC administrators by 1:00pm. You may also click on the web page and check the field stats box located on the right hand upper corner of the home page.

Practices cancelled by your coach will be communicated by your coach. Coaches are instructed to find a replacement staff member if at all possible.

**Drones**

MSC prohibits the use of drones on the complex without permission.