



Midland Soccer Club's

footnotes

Week of October 10th, 2011

letter from the senior director

Remember Who the Role Model is.

Sometimes as parents and coaches we get a little caught up in the action and forget that we are spectators at a youth soccer game. We forget that there isn't a national championship riding on the game, and hopefully not the mortgage either. It's ok to be passionate about sports and watching your kids play. However, sometimes we have to draw a line and remember that it's a game and move on. Sure that's easier said than done but ultimately we have to keep in mind; was it the officials fault that my team missed 5 breakaways in the second half? Was it the linesman that let in five goals through their legs? Sure refs make bad calls, but when my teams lose a game, the first things I ask is did my team play their hardest and execute our game plan.

Most importantly, we need to realize who many of the referees are at MSC. For the majority, especially at the lower level and younger age groups, we have beginner refs who are sometimes 11 or 12 years old. To have an adult question your calls or explode in frustration when you're 12 years old can be pretty hard to take. We need to keep in mind that everyone makes mistakes; players, parents, coaches, and yes referees. Most importantly, if we allow ourselves to act unruly and perpetuate these types of actions ultimately we won't have refs left to officiate games.

I'm not saying you can't ask questions of a call or disagree, but leave it at that. Most important, when the final whistle blows... it's over.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about MSC referees or how to become an official inquire at msceref@gmail.com. Please also take the time to review MSC's "Zero Tolerance Policy" on referee abuse.

Midland Soccer Club Zero Tolerance Policy

- All adults involved at any level (parent, coach, manager or interested spectator) will respect the integrity and judgment of the officials and shall refrain from challenging referee calls in a dissenting or demeaning manner
- All adults will show appreciation for good play by both teams involved in a match
- All adults (other than the team's coach/coaches) will refrain from "coaching" any player from the touch lines of the field
- All adults will refrain from making dissenting comments of ANY nature to or about an opposing team player at ANY time during a match or within the vicinity of the field of play immediately after a match
- All adults will refrain from any unsporting behavior or comments to another adult from an opposing team during a match or within the vicinity of the field of play immediately after a match

- In reading the aforementioned expectations, parents agree to abide by these expectations. They also agree to accept any and all actions taken for failure to abide by these expectations. Thanks and enjoy the games.

Thanks,
Drew Emrich, Senior Director, Midland Soccer Club



MSC to continue pilot Player Exchange Program for 2011-2012 season

Last season the MSC introduced a pilot program to two age groups within the Fusion travel program. The Player Exchange Program (PEP) was introduced in the U12 Boys age group, and the U11 Girls age group. The idea of the PEP is to give players incentive to continue to develop technical skills, work ethic, soccer knowledge, and increase player accountability. How PEP works is that coaches of the age group continue to evaluate players throughout the fall season and in to the early winter workouts. Players that have exhibited increased performance, technical development, and game knowledge may be given an opportunity to move up in their age groups ranking and therefore play on the higher tier team. Conversely, players that have struggled with technical development, physical growth, game knowledge, and exhibit sub-par work ethic may drop in their age groups ranking and be moved to the second tier team. Potentially, up to three players from teams may be swapped in-between the fall in spring season. On the other hand, no players may be swapped at all. This fall PEP will continue to be a pilot program for the U13 Boys, U12 Girls, and will be introduced to the U12 Boys and U10 Boys age group. Coaches were instructed to inform their parent groups earlier this fall, and many of the age groups have been already informed of the PEP program. If you have any questions regarding PEP, please contact Drew Emrich: drewemrich@midlandsoccerclub.org

what's happening

A calendar of upcoming events presented by MSC and our partners

Announcements

Coach of the Season Nominations

The fall 2011 coach of the season nomination forms will be available on the MSC website starting the week of October 3rd. If you know of a coach who has done a great job over the fall season, please nominate them. Winners will be announced the week prior to the end of season.

REC and SELECT Pictures now available

Individual and team pictures for the Fall 2011 are now available for pick up from the MSC office. Please have a team representative stop by the MSC office during office hours (Tues-Thurs 12-6pm) to pick up your teams pictures. Pictures can also be picked up during Saturday game times.

Donations Needed

Do you have older, barely used equipment you no longer need? If so MSC is looking for equipment donations for needy players in Haiti. Bring your old equipment to the MSC office during regular office hours, and make sure to inform the office that the equipment is for Haiti soccer donations. If you have questions please contact the MSC office.

Lost and Found

There are several items in the club's Lost & Found. If you've lost anything. Stop by during office hours and game hours on Saturday to have a look.

October

Oct 15 & 16th - Weekend games at MSC

Oct 18th - Last Day of Rec Academy

Oct 18th - Fusion Coaches meeting - 8pm

Oct 20th - Board of Directors meeting - 7pm

Oct 21st - Last Day for Coach of Season nominations

Picture of the week



We need your photos and game reports for future Footnotes

If you have pictures and game scores or reports you would like to share with the rest of MSC please send them to:

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MIDLAND FUSION SELECT



Results and Reports

U9 Girls -

Fusion '03 Green - BASA – 3 vs. Midland Fusion '03 Green – 7

U11 Girls -

Fusion '01 White - 8 v Flushing - 0

U11 Boys –

Fusion '01 Green, coached by Matt Miller, defeated Davison at home last weekend with a score of 2 - 1. Ryan Svorinic and Max Sanchez scored Fusion goals. Zach Archbold did a great job as goalkeeper.

U12 Boys -

Fusion '00 Green, coached by Drew Emrich, tied MI Impact 1-1 and beat Gators SC 1-0, the weekend of October 1st and 2nd. The following weekend, Fusion '00 Green would lose both matches to the same teams. Fusion '00 Green host OSC '00 this weekend.

Fusion '00 White, coached by Mike Carroll tied BASA 3-3 last weekend and also beat Davison for their first win of the season. Congrats boys.

U14 Boys -

Pato's Magic Black - 3 vs. Midland Fusion 98 Green - 1

Midland Fusion 98 Green - 2 vs. Michigan Jaguars Gold - 2

Reminder to ALL parents and coaches both REC and Select. Please send us your game reports, scores photos, or even just pictures from out at the club. We love sharing with the rest of the club.



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