

CLUB EXPECTATIONS FOR PLAYERS

To Facilitate Player Development



“Every single day I wake up and commit to myself to becoming a better player.”

Mia Hamm

Soccer is a player’s game and in Maroons Soccer Club, our mission is to deliver an inspiring soccer learning experience that creates a culture of intelligent, skilled & confident soccer players who play the beautiful game, beautifully.

It is important that you, the player, recognize that you are participating in a competitive soccer program and that there are responsibilities that come with this opportunity.

To facilitate your learning environment, the Club operates under certain expectations that each player should do their best to support and give every intention to uphold.

OVERALL EXPECTATIONS:

- I understand that as a player, I am responsible for the majority of my development and that the more time I spend with a ball will help me become a better player.
- I will make every effort to attend all team activities, trainings, and games.
- I know that I am in full control of my attitude and I will strive to be positive and bring my very best effort to every team activity, training session, and match.
- I will treat my teammates, opponents, the officials, parents, fans, facilities, and equipment with respect, and I will be worthy of being treated with respect.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, playing hard and fair and always within the rules; I will always be willing to help someone up when the play has ended or give a hand shake or word of encourage when needed.
- I will remember that I play for a T.E.A.M. where “Together Everyone Achieves More”, and I know that better teams will beat better players; I realize that each individual is important to the team’s success, yet no player is greater than the team.

- I will listen to my coaches and respect their decisions, for I know that they are guiding my discovery and development and focused on advancing me towards my maximum potential.
- I will work to develop good habits that contribute to being a healthy athlete—education, exercise, proper eating and hydration habits, and appropriate sleep.
- I will try and become a student of the game by watching soccer on TV, attending high level games, watching skill videos online, etc. which will build my understanding and intelligence in soccer. I know that my coach cannot direct me through the game and that I must find solutions to the game’s challenges to develop as a player.

- I will try and participate in Club activities, like *Free-Play Football Fridays*, *Futsal* and *Juggling Elite*.
- I will connect with my Coach if I have any questions or concerns about anything relating to the team. If I don't feel comfortable approaching my coach, I will discuss with my parents.
- I will report any injuries to my coach.
- I will read, understand, and comply with league guidelines and policies and the *Maroons Soccer Club Fields Policy*, especially in relation to goal safety.

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do”

Pelé

- For training sessions and matches, I will strive to arrive on time, with proper equipment, uniform or training shirt, ball and hydration.
- I will help ensure that when my team activities are complete, that our area is clean and left better than before we arrived.
- I will ask for help and guidance when I am learning new skills to ensure I understand and learn the proper approach.
- I will abide by the *Laws of the Game* at all times.
- In training sessions, I will work to improve my ability by:
 - Maximizing touches—when I arrive early, or while coach sets up, I will juggle, pass with 1 and 2 touches with a teammate, or practice free kicks or a game of “cross bar”.
 - Giving my best effort and challenging myself to improve.
 - Developing my abilities using both of my feet.
 - Helping my teammates to be their best by training and competing hard.
 - Being focused, being present, listening and actively participating.
 - Working my brain to understand the concepts and questions posed by my coach, and trying to make my best decisions based on the visual cues I perceive in the game.
 - Keeping a positive attitude towards my teammates, my coach, and myself.
- For matches, I will play the position assigned by my coach to the best of my ability and without complaining; even if that position might not be the one I want to play. I know that playing all positions will aid in my learning and understanding of the game.

As a Player in Maroons Soccer Club, I support and give every intention to uphold these **CLUB EXPECTATIONS FOR PLAYERS** to facilitate my development.