

EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES

1. Players are **not** permitted to wear jewelry of any kind while playing. All jewelry must be removed prior to match play. This applies to all age groups. **NO PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO PLAY IF WEARING JEWELRY.**
2. Please look to set the example of Fair Play (Sportsmanship) to your players. Referees (like coaches) will make bad calls...expect it. Most of our officials are minors. At no time does a coach need to question any of their calls or give the referee "help" by yelling at them. When an adult (coach) questions a minor (referee), a very intimidating situation arises for the referee. As the adult, it is the coach's responsibility to ensure that this type of situation does not arise. If you have questions or concerns about the referee, please forward these concerns to the Referee Director (refereedirector@medicinehatsoccer.com). He will ensure that your concerns are dealt with in an appropriate manner.
3. The MHSOA Outdoor Soccer League is a "House League", thus all players are expected to play an equal amount of time. Avoid playing only your "top" players. Each child has registered to be an active participant...not a cheerleader.
4. Do not allow any players, other than those on your team list issued by the MHSOA office, to play for your team. The MHSOA office must verify that all players in our program are properly registered with the provincial association (ASA) to be eligible for sport insurance coverage.
5. **Each U14/U16/U18 teams make the playoffs** and is guaranteed to play at least two games. Please ensure that your players are aware of playoff dates.
6. **Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated!** Coaches are expected to treat other coaches as colleagues. We need to work together...whether you like the individual coaching the other team or not. The MHSOA is not prepared to tolerate instances of coaches using foul and abusive language to each other or any other member participating in the game. This includes the referees, players on the field, and spectators.
7. If coaches have any concerns with other coaches, players on other teams, or spectators they need to address these concerns to the MHSOA office at mhsa@telusplanet.net
8. Players and coaches are expected to shake hands with the opposition and referee (where applicable) after the match is complete. We would like the players to learn about sportsmanship, as well as, the game of soccer.

Thank you for your attention to the above information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.