

MCLEAN YOUTH SOCCER

POLICY NUMBER: 103

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POLICY TOPIC: FIELD POLICIES AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR COACHES

I. Participants

- A. Only registered MYS players may participate in practices, games, and training, except during official tryouts or unless the player is a registered guest player in accordance with applicable league and/or tournament policies. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis with advance approval by the Technical Director.
- B. Only registered MYS coaches that have completed their Trusted Employee and Safe Sport Act registration may supervise a practice, game, or training.

II. Field Conditions and Equipment

- A. Coaches must ensure that goals are anchored and may not permit anyone to climb on or move the goals.
- B. Coaches must inspect the field and goals before ALL practices and games and report unsafe conditions to fields@mcleansoccer.org.
- C. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that fields are free of trash after practices and games.
- D. Coaches must ensure that all players are dressed appropriately, including shin guards, for all practices and games.

III. Weather

- A. Coaches must IMMEDIATELY clear players from the field in the event of lightning or thunder. Players should shelter in nearby buildings or cars and may not return to the field until thirty minutes after the last lightning seen or thunder heard.
- B. Coaches should use their best judgment in determining whether practices should be cancelled, considering such factors as players' ages, wind chill, precipitation, or humidity level. Absent unusual circumstances, practices shall be canceled in the event the heat index exceeds 100 degrees, a Code Red for air quality has been issued, the temperature (including wind chill) is 25 degrees or below, or there is freezing precipitation.

IV. Security

- A. Coaches must ensure that no player is left unattended following a game or practice.
- B. Coaches should not be alone with a player in a non-public place.
- C. Coaches should not tolerate or condone any bullying or intimidation by or of players.
- D. Coaches should communicate any concerns regarding a player's safety to the player's parents, team manager, or club officials as appropriate.

V. Injuries

- A. All coaches must complete and maintain CPR certification.
- B. Coaches must complete the Heads Up online concussion training module every two years (<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html>).
- C. Coaches should call 911 immediately if the injury is serious.