



## MSPSP Code of Conduct Policy

This policy has been written by the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program Board of Directors to help maintain a healthy balance between competition and sportsmanship. This policy was established to better relationships between team officials, players, and spectators to establish expectations of sportsmanship for team officials, players, and spectators participating in MSPSP.

Team officials, players, and spectators are expected to understand and follow the current rules, policies, and procedures of the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program as well as MSYSA rules & policies. Ignorance of these rules does not present a case for defense should any rules or policies be violated. If behavior or actions are considered serious enough by the MSPSP Disciplinary Committee, a team / club may face additional sanctions listed below for 'Irresponsible Team Behavior' or 'Misconduct Towards Referees', offenses are determined by the MSPSP Disciplinary Committee.

### Examples of **Irresponsible Team Behavior & Misconduct Towards Referees**

-Verbally or physically abusing / harassing any opponents, officials, team staff, spectators, or any participants of the match.

-Persistently and flagrantly protesting decisions by an official, interfering with the performance of the center referee or assistant referee duties.

-Interfering with the match in any way, such as throwing objects, entering the field during play,

**A)** A team / club may be fined a minimum of \$500 as a result of 'Irresponsible / Unacceptable Team Behavior' or 'Misconduct Toward Referees' within MSPSP league matches on behalf of a team's coach, players, or spectators.

**B)** A second offense by said team will result in a minimum of a \$1,000 fine as a result of unacceptable spectator behavior or misconduct toward referees, as well as evaluation of team / club participation by the MSPSP Disciplinary Committee.

**C)** Any third offense by a club in a season for all of their participating teams will result in a minimum \$1,000 fine and evaluation of club participation within the league by the MSPSP Disciplinary Committee.

-If a match has spectators removed by the officials, the team(s) club will be issued a minimum \$250 fine.

-If a match must be replayed because of a team / spectator's behavior resulting in the match being cancelled, the team(s) club determined to be at fault will be issued a minimum \$500 fine.

**Fines issued to teams / clubs will go towards the MSPSP Referee Development budget for Referee Scholarships & Referee Education.**