

Middle Alabama Recreational League

Guidelines for Teams and Coaches

Pre-Game Requirements

During the week before a game the home coach shall contact the visiting coach to confirm all details of the match. The MARS League website will contain the contact information. The home coach will confirm the game time, location, team colors (recommended: home light color and away dark color), inclement weather plan (clubs hotline or website), and any special conditions the teams should know about.

Playing Time

MARS supports the concept that the game is the best teacher. Allow every player to play as much as possible and never less than 50% of game time. Substitution is open to players on throw-ins by your team and during goal kicks and kick off.

Game Day

Make sure all fields are ready to be played on as soon as you are at the field, flags up, goals in place, etc. Since a number of teams play on one field be willing to pitch in and help home team. If your club only closes a field or fields for any reason please contact MARS League Administrator Shellina Ryals, 205-514-6144 immediately.

Referees

If you have any referee conflicts or a referee does not show up for your game please contact Shellina (MARS Admin) at 205-514-6144 or Brock Miles (referee assignor) at 205-706-0344. Our conduct as a league will be to support the referee in every way possible and then send all referee complaints to the League Administrator (Shellina) at admin@marsleague.com. She will report and follow up on the situation. So NO yelling or screaming by coaches, players or parents to referees deal with after the game by getting the referees name and saying thank you. They are paid by us and we will expect a certain level of competency but on field actions will not be as effective as off the field will be.

Coaches

Bring roster for your team to every game. If you have players from a different team the club pass rules are valid and player must have their player card from their rostered team. Players should be within or from the same division and age unless younger which is acceptable within the same division. During a match if one team is clearly strong please do whatever is reason to show good sportsmanship by you and your team. MARS League will move teams within brackets at midseason if necessary to help balance league and give fun competitive games to all level of teams.

We are fully aware that some of us are more competitive than others, but for none of us is there ever a reason to engage another coach in a way other than friendly and open. Please contact the league and make us aware if anyone gets a little too carried away.

Players

At U9/10, slide tackling is not encouraged but will not be called as a foul unless dangerous or excessive. Excessive will be determined by the referee.

Dissent should not be allowed by the team coaches and players. Let's work through issues and not play them out on the soccer field.

Goalkeepers are encouraged to have a separate jersey and separate color from all others but may wear a pinnie of a different color.

Post Game

Rain Out - Reschedule

All games missed by teams will be the responsibility of the home team to reschedule and report to club scheduling coordinator (Person in club responsible for scheduling fields). All league rain days or missed games will be handled by the league. Clubs will be reminded on Mondays if weekends with rain in Tuscaloosa but clear in Pell City that their teams will need to set up reschedules through the league. Every club will need to have a contact person for reschedules. When setting up a team reschedule the home and visiting coach must agree with the time and location and then give to the home team scheduling coordinator. If home team cannot find a time and place that coaches mutually agree to the MARS League Competition Committee will schedule the game and time and place will be final. Teams will not contact league the scheduling coordinator handles that for them.

Report Scores

After matches the winning coach (in case of tie the home coach is responsible) will go to Scheduling and Scores on the MARS League website (www.marsleague.com) and follow instructions for posting scores. Teams must report scores no later than 5pm the Monday after the game is played. The MARS League Competition Committee will be following up with each club representative weekly to ensure all scores are posted.

Any questions and concerns for these rules and guideline please contact us at admin@marsleague.com