



**MIDDLESEX YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
MTOC QUALIFIER
2021**

Saturday, June 19th and Sunday, June 20th

Congratulations and welcome to the 2021 Middlesex Youth Soccer League MTOC Qualifier Weekend. This year's event will be hosted by Waltham Youth Soccer and held at Veteran's Memorial Athletic Complex located at 385 Forest Street, Waltham, MA.

All MTOC eligible teams in Grade 56 division 1 & 2 and Grade 78 division 1 & 2 teams will compete in single elimination semi-final games on Saturday and the winners will compete in the finals on Sunday.

Grade 9-11 division 2 boys and girls finals will be held Saturday.

Grade 9-11 division 1 and Grade 12PG+2 final games will be held on Sunday.

MYSL has drawn Wild Card slots for the Girls Grade 56 division 2, Boys Grade 78 division 1 and Girls Grade 78 division 2 to participate in MTOC.

All game schedules, team and game information are available on the league's website, SportsManager. Please note that at this time some tie breaker / play in games may remain to be played prior to the start of the event and those teams which qualify will be added to the SportsManager schedule as the game results are submitted. Some previously scheduled game times and locations may also be adjusted so please be sure to verify your game schedule.

Coaches are required to check in at least one half hour prior to the scheduled start of their first game of each day at the check in tent at the west (left) side of the Concession Building. Coach shall submit two (2) copies of the approved game roster with watermark, complete with jersey numbers, as well as pass cards for all players and coaches at the time of check in. All rostered coaches must have their MYSL passcard and their Mass Youth Identification credential at check in and at all times during the tournament.

The team pre-game player safety check will be performed adjacent to the team check in prior to the team heading to the assigned field. All players must be assembled for the safety inspection. The passcard of any late player or coach will remain at the check in tent. Any late players or coaches will be required to be checked in at the tent prior to heading to the field. One copy of the roster will remain at the check in tent after player check in.

The Middlesex Youth Soccer League's Board of Directors directs your attention and adherence to the rules of the tournament, zero tolerance policy and field information on the following pages to ensure a safe and enjoyable soccer weekend.

No dogs or pets are allowed on site or on any of the fields

Tailgating or Barbequing are prohibited

Shade tents allowed in designated areas Only

June 16, 2021

Fellow MYSL members,

Congratulations on a great season and welcome to the 2021 MYSL MTOC Qualifier event.

This weekend is the culmination of your return to soccer after a long period of interruptions and restrictions starting in the early spring of 2020. It is a great accomplishment to get to this point and you should all be as proud of yourselves, as we are.

As many of you are aware, inappropriate conduct and outrageous behavior continues to be a problem for youth sports organizations. Please be reminded that MYSL has Zero Tolerance for this type of behavior between and from any combination of our players, coaches, parents, guardians and spectators involved with or in attendance at any MYSL event and this policy will be strictly enforced.

MYSL will not tolerate obscene or vulgar language, derogatory comments regarding race, gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation, aggressive behavior, sarcasm, harassment, taunting, verbal or physical threats during any MYSA event, from or toward anyone within its membership.

The role of the coach as role model for their players cannot be underestimated. The coach sets the tone for the team and it is their responsibility to maintain control, support the referees and to address and resolve any issues that may arise with their players, parents, guardians or spectators prior to, during and after the game, at the field and surrounding areas. Encourage the players and promote good sportsmanship!

We are all here to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which our children may develop their soccer skills and hopefully a love for the game. Our goal is to teach them to be part of a team and learn the values of respect, integrity and good sportsmanship. These are life lessons they will carry with them beyond the soccer field and MYSL. Most importantly, we want them to feel safe and to have fun.

To help promote these goals, we will have Field Marshalls who will monitor the behavior of the players, coaches and spectators throughout the event.

Thank you for your time regarding this very important issue.

Again, congratulations on your season and best of luck this weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth G. Antonucci Sr." in a cursive script.

Kenneth G. Antonucci, Sr.
Director - MYSL MTOC Qualifier
Vice President of Development
Middlesex Youth Soccer League

Coach, Player and Spectator Conduct

Please review the MYSL Coaches Code of Conduct and Rules 21, 22 & 23 attached to this packet.

It is the responsibility of **ALL** coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and spectators (supporters) in all matches. Abusive, vulgar or obscene language, derogatory comments regarding race, gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation, aggressive behavior, violent play, violent conduct, fighting, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation and other behavior detrimental to the game will not be tolerated. A coach's responsibility for referee support and spectator control includes the times prior to, during and after the game at the field and surrounding areas. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for players, the referee and all other participants and spectators.

The MYSL Zero Tolerance Policy regarding Misconduct towards Referees requires that the persons responsible for a team and spectators will not address the referee at all during the play of the game.

Exceptions for persons responsible for a team (Coaches and Assistant Coaches)

During the game:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Making Substitutions.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

Exceptions for Spectators:

During the game:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

MYSL recommends that the referee deal with coach(es) and spectator(s) infractions in accordance with FIFA Law 5 of the Game.

If the referee abandons the match, directs a person to leave the area, or issues a caution; the referee shall send a misconduct report for review – see MYSL Rule 29. MYSL asks that the information provided by the referee in the misconduct report be sufficient and detailed to determine follow-up actions required by the Commissioners, Age Directors and/or Sportsmanship Committee.

Any player, coach or team official physically or verbally assaulting a referee will be suspended a minimum of one (1) year. If the incident is considered serious, the Commissioner and Sportsmanship Committee may impose an indefinite suspension.

If you get ejected you will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and potentially any follow on MTOC playoff games.

Please see Middlesex Youth Soccer Spring 2021 Rules for the complete Rule 21 - Coach and Fan Conduct (Zero Tolerance Policy), Rule 22- Ejections and Rule 23- Player/Coach Infractions at www.middlesexsoccer.org under the information/files tab.

2021 Middlesex Youth Soccer League MTOC Qualifier Check-In Rules & Information

Team check in will be at the west side of the pavilion adjacent to the concession building.

All players and rostered coaches **must** check in a minimum of 30 minutes before the first game of each day. Please be sure to have all players and coaches present when approaching the registration tent to be checked in. Any late player or coach will need to be checked in separately prior to be allowed to enter the field. Passcards will be held at the tent until that person arrives / checks in.

All players **must** present themselves dressed to play, in matching uniforms which include matching team jerseys, shorts and socks.

Coaches **must** submit the following with you to at check in:

- Mass Youth Identification Credential for all rostered coaches to be on the team sideline.
- Two signed copies of the team's 2021 game roster with approved watermark and player jersey numbers. The tournament officials will keep one copy of the rosters. Coaches **must** have an approved 2021 spring roster in their possession during all games
- Coaches' passcards
- Player passcards

All coaches and players must remain in the marked technical area and not creep up to the mid field line. All substitutions must take place at the mid field line.

Teams must provide soccer balls for use in the game.

Awards will be presented to the Champion and Runner Up (Finalist) players and coaches.

Sun shades or canopies may be used over team bench areas however they must be weighted on turf fields (no anchors allowed) and must be placed a minimum of three yards from the sideline.

No food is allowed on the turf fields.

Please be sure to clean up your team area and vacate the area immediately after your game has completed to make room for the next upcoming team.

The MTOC Qualifier Director will have the final say on any and all discrepancies that may occur.

Protests will not be entertained

Additional Information:

Spectators need to remain behind the spectator lines at all times and at no time are allowed to be behind the goal line or goal.

Rest rooms are available within the field house building

Fine Designs, our custom apparel vendor, will be on site for anyone interested in purchasing MYSL MTOC Qualifier apparel or souvenirs.

2021 MTOC Qualifier Rules of Competition

Grade 12PG+ Match Rules

- MYSL 11v11 Playing Rules are in effect.
- Halves are 45 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Games need to be started on time. Teams should be warmed up ready to begin at the designated time.
- A winner must be determined. Therefore, overtime, two 15 min halves, and kicks from the penalty spot, if necessary, will be used. If overtime is needed, both halves will be played to completion. If the score is still tied, then teams will proceed immediately to kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA rules.
- All matches unfinished due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Director whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.
- Sent-off players or dismissed team officials must leave the playing area and may not remain with their team.

Grade 9-11 Division 1 & 2 Match Rules

- All of the above Grade 12PG+ rules apply.
- Halves are 40 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 15 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed.

Grade 78 Division 1 & 2 Match Rules

- All of the above Grade 12PG+ rules apply.
- Halves are 35 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 10 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed.

Grade 56 Division 1& 2 9v9 Match Rules

- All of the above Grade 12PG+ rules apply.
- Halves are 30 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 10 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed