



Missouri Youth Soccer Association  
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Missouri Youth Soccer, its member organizations, and tournament providers, are united in their belief that there is no place for hate or abuse in youth activities. As such, all teams should be aware of the consequences for any actions or verbalizations that are directed at any team members, game officials, spectators, or tournament staff at a Missouri Youth Soccer sanctioned event. These actions are not limited to on-field but encompass anywhere on tournament property leading up to, during, or immediately following the event.

At all times, the head coach of a team is directly responsible for the actions of its coaches, players, fans, and supporters. As such, a head coach may be dismissed for the actions of their team by tournament staff should it become necessary and in such cases that another coach is not available the team will forfeit the match and it shall end immediately.

The following sanctions shall be considered as the advised actions should any abuse or hate speech be observed by game officials and reported promptly to tournament officials:

**Players** – 2 game suspension for physical or verbal abuse directed toward any game official or tournament staff. Consideration shall also be given to language and content directed towards players and spectators that would be considered hate speech.

**Coaches** – 2 game suspension for any physical or verbal abuse directed toward any opposing team member, game official or tournament staff.

**Spectators/Fans** – Spectator and Fan support is highly valued! However, demeaning statements, ridicule of calls or actions, and overall negative or abusive treatment of anyone has no place in developing players in any youth sport. In the event of these issues the sideline shall be cleared for remainder of the match and shall remain cleared for the next match played by the team.

**Other Parties not covered above** – Shall be banned from tournament grounds immediately and for remainder of tournament.

A full report from all applicable persons involved in violent or abusive actions shall be submitted to the Missouri Youth Soccer office within 48 hours of the tournament for review of further possible actions. At its own discretion, Missouri Youth Soccer may investigate claims further and take further action in those persons or situations that may call for it. In these instances, Missouri Youth Soccer could extend game suspensions and bans toward other Missouri Youth Soccer sanctioned events that may be participated in.