

MEL-MIN YOUTH SOCCER

Welcome to the Mel-Min Youth Soccer program! We are really looking forward to a great season this year and are glad to have you as an important part of our group! In this meeting, we would like to go over a few things with you all to ensure a fun, safe, and successful season for the kids.

Let's start with the popular topic of games! The game schedules will be coming out in roughly 2 weeks and will be distributed by the coaches. Mark your calendars for the Holmen Jamboree which will take place on May 20th, 21st, & 22nd. 4K/K will play on Friday night. The 1st & 2nd graders will play on Saturday, and the 3rd & 4th graders play on Sunday – both during the daytime with the youngest playing first in the morning.

Next, we would like you to know that we will be having a fundraiser through Craig's Meats. All players, parents, and guardians will be required to sell for this fundraiser. This is an important part of our program as we do not have the fields or space to do a tournament or jamboree to help raise funds to support the kids in this program. More information will be coming through the coaches about this fundraiser early in the season. Additionally, if you would like to order Mel-Min Soccer gear, 4U Custom and Apparel Gifts has created a web store. You can buy your gear here: <https://melrose-mindoro-youth-soccer-fan-wear-2022.itemorder.com/>. The deadline to order is March 18, 2022, and a portion of the sales will be given to the program as well. The link to the store is also posted on our Facebook page. Speaking of Facebook.... Please like and follow our page as it will be the first "go-to" spot for important dates and information during and after the season.

Lastly, in the pages to follow we have a few expectations and guidelines for parents and players that we would like you to go over with you to ensure that everyone is informed and understanding of the league requirements. This is the reason that you were required to sign-in for attendance to this meeting.

Let's have a great and fun season! If you have any questions or concerns, please email it to melminyouthsoccer@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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PARENT AND PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

1. Respect all coaches and their decisions, all players, facilities, grounds, and equipment.

2. Always show good sportsmanship and teamwork.

3. Absolutely no disrespecting or yelling at the referees. Remember they are people who have given their time, energy, and knowledge to referee your games and are doing their best.

4. Always show respect and good sportsmanship to the opposing team whether on our home fields or theirs!

5. Make sure that you are prepared for every practice and game. This includes making sure you have your own equipment for practice and games.

Practice Equipment Required: weather appropriate clothing, soccer cleats (no baseball/softball cleats), shin guards, and water bottle.

Game Equipment Required: Black knee-high socks, Black shorts, shin guards, soccer cleats (no baseball/softball cleats), weather appropriate clothes, a water bottle, and of course your jersey. If you do not have these items you will NOT be permitted to play, no exceptions!

6. Do not expect the coaches to watch your child during practice or games. They are here to coach and give your child the best experience with soccer possible and not be a babysitter. Remember, our coaches are volunteers and are not responsible, authorized, or equipped to deal with behavioral problems. If there is a behavioral issue with your child, you will be contacted and be asked to come assist with your child. If the behavior issues continue, we may ask you and your child to leave the program as to not interfere with the learning experience for the rest of the children.

7. Take an active role in this program! We can't do this by ourselves and would love all the help that we can get to make this a great soccer program for everyone involved.

8. Most importantly, remember to just have FUN! Keep in mind that we are all doing this for our children who love soccer and want to learn more about the sport.

GO MUSTANGS!