



## **2023 West Michigan Heat Soccer Club Parent/Guardian Contract**

The West Michigan Heat Soccer Club's (WMHSC's) goal is to glorify God in all we do on and off the field. As a club, we aim to conduct ourselves in a manner that is honorable and a representation of Christ's love.

*Matthew 5:16 - In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

As a WMHSC parent I commit to the WMHSC program by pledging my time and attention. I will read, commit to, and abide by this contract and the rules set forth by the Board of Directors (BOD) and coaches.

Parents / guardians are responsible for submitting all online documents, paperwork, and player fees according to the established team schedule unless an alternative payment schedule is agreed to by WMHSC and the athlete's parent(s) / guardian(s).

Each family is expected to support WMHSC by performing at least one job / duty for the season to maintain the viability of WMHSC programs. This is REQUIRED for each family. If a family does not volunteer for a position, one will be assigned to them or they can choose to pay someone else to volunteer.

As a Christian, I commit to faithfully promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ during all WMHSC activities.

Alternatively, as a parent/guardian/family who is not currently a practicing Christian, I pledge that I am not actively participating in a non-Christian faith, and I understand that I will be expected to respectfully and receptively participate in the Christian activities which take place during WMHSC activities (e.g. devotions, prayers, etc.). I commit myself to conduct that is in keeping with Christian moral values, such as honesty, integrity, self-control, and respect.

As a parent, I acknowledge my athlete is homeschooled a minimum of 51% of their academic year or attends a school that does not have a soccer team. I/we also agree to follow the rules of WMHSC, as stated in the Parent and Player contracts.

### **AS A WMHSC PARENT, I COMMIT TO:**

- Maintain an honorable testimony at all times, remembering that we are ambassadors for Christ, representing the families associated with our club, and the homeschooling community.
- Intentionally demonstrate respect for game officials.

- Intentionally demonstrate respect and courtesy to WMHSC coaches, captains, players, and volunteers, as well as opponent coaches, captains, players, BOD, and volunteers.
- Honor and respect the rules of the game, the league, and the competitions.
- Cheer enthusiastically for our teams and encourage them in their efforts by using language to build others up. Recognizing our public attitudes and actions are a testimony to others of our Christian beliefs, our actions should always demonstrate respect for others. This includes but is not limited to refraining from booing, yelling, and making loud noises on the sidelines that could be disrespectful or annoying to others.

*Ephesians 4:29 - Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.*

- Understand that club fees do not cover all expenses that the club will incur during the season. I understand that the club relies on fundraisers to offset these costs. I/we, to the best of our ability, will commit to participating in these fundraising events.
- Acknowledge that West Michigan Heat Varsity competes in two out-of-state tournaments, JV competes in one out-of-state tournament, and I may incur extra costs beyond the registration fees, for hotel and travel expenses.
- Properly care for the facilities, playing fields, and equipment used and not use unauthorized areas. I understand we rent the facilities we use. To help maintain positive relationships with facility owners, I commit to insuring facilities and playing fields are clean when we are done using them.
- Communicate directly with the coach privately and respectfully, regarding team matters. If the issue is emotional, I/we agree to consider waiting 24 hours to reflect on the situation prior to bringing the matter before the coach. After discussing the matter with the coach, and if there is no resolution of the matter or it needs to be discussed further, we agree to contact a board member.
- Direct issues regarding the administration of the club to a board member privately and respectfully. If the matter is emotional, I/we agree to consider waiting a 24 hour prior to discussing.
- Provide my athlete has appropriate my equipment and supplies (tape, braces, etc.) at every game and practice, including appropriate practice clothing or uniform, soccer shoes, socks, shin guards, #5 soccer ball, and water and / or sports beverage.
- Demonstrate my understanding that my athlete is making a commitment to the team for the entire season and understand that to fulfill that commitment I must make every effort make every effort to facilitate their attending all scheduled practices, games, and tournaments on time.

If circumstances arise that prohibit my athlete from attending a practice and/or a game, I will ensure the coach is notified in a timely manner. I understand that arriving late or not notifying my coach of my athlete's absence, they may face disciplinary action.

- Encourage completion of the coach assigned homework in a timely manner, understanding its value in my athlete's skill development and as a follower of Christ.
- Responsibly and carefully supervise children who are with me/us during practices and games. I/we understand that the coaching staff and players are the only ones permitted on the field during practices and games. During games and scrimmages, only players and coaching staff are allowed on the team bench-side of the field.
- Agree to make payments on or before the due dates noted above. I understand that failure to make timely payments may impact my student's eligibility to participate in practice or games. We understand that fees are non-refundable.

I give WMHSC permission to use photographs in which I appear to be used for publications and public relations activities by WMHSC. I will only make positive social media posts reflecting Godly character related to any WMHSC activity, player, or opponent. Prior to posting I will get permission from WMHSC participants pictured in any photo(s). I understand players and families, as well as other teams and organizations, often post photos to social and print media that are not controlled by WMHSC. While WMHSC encourages others to obtain permission before posting photos to social media, it is recognized that this may not always happen.

I understand the BOD may amend these guidelines throughout the season as deemed necessary.

I have read and understand the guidelines set forth here and agree to abide by them as a team parent of WMHSC. I understand that failure to comply with these guidelines could result in the disciplinary actions.