

Middlebury Travel Soccer Club Code of Conduct

Make soccer participation for your child and others a positive experience

Remember that a child is easily affected by outside influences

Be kind to your child's coach and to the officials. The coach is a volunteer-giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. The coach is providing a valuable community service, often without reward other than their personal satisfaction. Without them your child could not participate.

Applaud good plays by your team AND by members of the opposing team

Parents should be cheerleaders. Allow the coach to coach, the referee to officiate, and most of all allow your child to play the game. Never shout anything negative across the field!

Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser, we have the referee. All of them follow the same creed to watch every movement of every player, and to call the game to the best of their ability. **DO NOT** openly question their judgment, and never their honesty. They are a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.

Accept the results of each game, and encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement.



Excerpts from Cal Ripken book "Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way."

Cal Ripken says in the book "Ultimately, parents should let kids play the game, it's their childhood. It's all about being a kid, and even if a kid is physically mature, emotionally they're still learning and grasping. Again, I'm of the opinion to let them have fun, let them play, let them enjoy the sport, and I go out of my way to alleviate the pressure instead of adding things that can apply the pressure.

If I were to give advise to a parent on how to watch the game, or how to support their kids, I would say to think of yourself as a grandparent, or a great-grandparent, if you want, where you've lived life and you've seen just about everything and nothings going to surprise you on the field. So I wouldn't overreact to the positive, and I wouldn't overact to the negative. Just be there and watch and allow the game to unfold to the kids because, after all, they are the ones out there enjoying it. The things we do on the sidelines, whether it's over cheering or calling out their names or reacting negatively when something happens, all those are potential areas that can cause pressure. So if we just act like we are almost invisible, but support the right way by putting our arms around the kids when they need it and kind of encouraging them in a small way, I think that's the best way to watch.



MIDDLEBURY TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

How much does it cost?

New members a one time \$40.00 fee

For one child \$135.00

Two children \$190.00

Three or more \$220.00

Uniforms are provided by Middlebury Magic and replace every 2 years

Seasons played

Outdoor – Spring (April – June)

Games start after spring break
(practices start in March)

Outdoor – Fall (Sept – Oct)

Games start after Labor Day
(practices start in August)

Season length: Normally you play six games and then an end of season tourney.

Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

U-9 BORN BETWEEN 8-1-97 – 7-31-98

U-10 BORN BETWEEN 8-1-96 – 7-31-97

U11 BORN BETWEEN 8-1-95 – 7-31-96

U12 BORN BETWEEN 8-1-94 – 7-31-95

U13 BORN BETWEEN 8-1-93 – 7-31-94

U14 BORN BETWEEN 8-1-92 – 7-31-93

U 15 BORN BETWEEN 8-1-91 – 7-31-92

Magic players have fun and learn a lot about soccer. They work hard at improving their abilities and bettering themselves. The Middlebury Magic coaches are positive and encouraging to each player.

Current board members include:

- Glenn Gendron
- Greg Bowers
- Kirby Miller
- Kristi Edlund
- Kelly Bowman
- Todd Woodworth

THE MIDDLEBURY TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1995 AND IS OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS. WE PLAY IN THE NORTHERN INDIANA SOCCER LEAGUE (NISL) IN THE FALL AND SPRING. MANY MAGIC PLAYERS ALSO PLAY INDOOR SOCCER IN THE WINTER, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT ORGANIZED OR REQUIRED BY THE CLUB.

HOW MUCH TRAVEL?

Generally 3 home games plus travel possible to Warsaw, Fort Wayne, Argos, Plymouth, Chesterton, and areas in-between.

When are games played?

On Saturdays and generally after 11:00 AM on Sundays.



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Middleburymagic.com