



MCSC: Blowout Prevention & Sportsmanship Expectations

Our goal is to provide a positive, fair, and development-focused experience for all players. To help avoid lopsided games and ensure good sportsmanship, please review the guidelines below.

Blowout Awareness Policy

For U10 and Up:

- Report the exact score of your game to the jotform per normal. If your team wins a game by **8 or more goals**, you are **required** to explain the prevention steps you took in the score explanation field at the bottom of the jotform. This is **not a punishment** - it's a tool to promote reflection, accountability, and fair play.

For U8 and Below:

- We do **not track scores** in these divisions.
- If you believe a game lacked sportsmanship or appropriate balance, please **email the board** with your concerns. (board@marionsoccer.org)

Steps to Help Prevent Blowouts

If your team is ahead by several goals, consider the following strategies:

- **Rotate players into different positions** (e.g., put strong forwards in defense or goalie).
- **Set team challenges** like 5 consecutive passes before shooting.
- **Play short-sided (e.g., 1 fewer player on the field)** if you're dominating.
- **Sub out top players** or reduce their playing time temporarily.
- **Use your non-dominant foot** or limit touches per player.
- **Focus on possession and teamwork**, rather than scoring.

Let's Work Together!

Consistent unsportsmanlike behavior **may impact a coach's eligibility to return in future seasons**. We believe each of you is here to help players grow, demonstrate great sportsmanship, and create a fun, supportive environment for all. Thank you for your commitment to upholding the values that make our league a great place to play!