



Marion County Soccer Club

Denardi-Wright Games: Coaching & Spectator Guidelines

The Denardi-Wright games were created to help younger players – especially those moving from U8 to U10 – transition into a more structured format of play. From its beginning, the Denardi-Wright games have focused on the core values of recreational soccer: having fun, ensuring all players get equal playing time, and helping every child develop fundamental skills in a supportive environment.

Coaching Guidelines and Expectations

- Keep the focus on development over winning - when winning becomes the priority, some players can feel left out or discouraged.
- Emphasize teamwork, learning, and enjoyment for every player - not just top performers.
- Coaches set the tone. The way we communicate and carry ourselves on the sidelines matters.

Spectator Guidelines

All guidelines outlined in the Marion County Soccer Club Conduct Expectations document apply to the Denardi-Wright games. In addition, we ask families to keep the following in mind:

- Encourage your child to enjoy learning and improving
- Support equal playtime and inclusive team values
- Cheer for effort and teamwork, not just goals or wins
- Be mindful of how every child - regardless of ability - is experiencing the game

Being on the sidelines is a privilege, and it plays a big role in shaping the experience for all players. We ask that all spectators help create a positive, respectful environment at every game.

If Expectations Are Not Followed

To ensure we preserve the spirit of recreational soccer, should these guidelines be ignored or not followed, MCSC will actively review several potential updates, including:

- Evaluations of coaching practices to better align with MCSC recreational goals
- Altering the draft selection process
- Required participation in coaching clinics
- **Removal of spectators from Denardi-Wright games if sideline behavior becomes inappropriate**
- **Re-evaluating or discontinuing the Denardi-Wright games if the focus on development and inclusion cannot be maintained**

We are always actively and carefully considering the future format of the Denardi-Wright games. If the focus on fun, inclusion, and development cannot be re-centered, the structure – or even existence – of these games may need to change.