



**MIAMI LAKES UNITED SOCCER CLUB**  
**TRAVEL PARENT / PLAYER HANDBOOK**  
(updated May 2017)



**Development, Progression & Opportunity**

Welcome to **Miami Lakes United Soccer Club (MLUSC)** and thank you for selecting MLUSC for your child's Travel/ Competitive Soccer Experience.

For the 2017-18 Season will see some changes for the better, bringing us closer being one of the Top Premier Youth Clubs in the Nation .

MLUSC will be **partnered with an international Professional Club(s)** to learn and study their curriculum so the whole club will be in unison.

We will be implementing a **Satellite system** format which will allow our satellite site players the chance to learn our curriculum and fight for a position on our first team. Little Haiti Football Club is one of our satellite sites plus strong relationships with selected middle and high schools in the Miami Dade and Broward County.

Our recruiting team will scour untouched areas of South Florida to find the Diamonds in the rough which will help our club get nationally recognized.

Along with gaining new friends and being part of a team environment, your child will have the chance to be taught by one of our experienced coaches that will teach you both the technical and tactical aspects of the game.

MLUSC has taken it a step further by implementing a **Tactical Classroom setting** (to review past games tactics, video analysis and mental prep for selected teams only), **an International Goalkeeping Academy** (which will allow MLUSC, non-MLUSC, Potential, Collegiate GK, Pro GK to train).

**Mandatory Pre Season** attendance (Training and Organized games during the summer, starting mid June). **Spring Break / Summer Break 2018 International Soccer Experience** (going abroad, Touring, Playing against Europe's finest Soccer Clubs).

**A College/SAT Prep Program for U14+** (Our goal is to make sure our graduating players attain Scholarships to top ranking college/universities).

I would like to take this time to recognize that our Board Members & Team Managers plays a key role in the success of our club, and appreciate the time, energy and dedication they have committed in volunteering for these important positions.

This manual will serve as a guide to help Travel Managers, Parents, Players to understand procedures and administrative responsibilities and know what to expect.



*Alvin Murray*

*Club President*

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The Birth Year assignments for 2017-2018 are as follows:

Birth Year	2017-2018
2010	U8
2009	U9
2008	U10
2007	U11
2006	U12
2005	U13
2004	U14
2003	U15
2002	U16
2001	U17
2000	U18
1999	U19

### Team Count

MLUSC academy teams will go to the age of U12 (2006)

There will be two or possibly more teams from U8 - U12; Once we are at U13 (2005), MLUSC will only have ONE Team representing each Age group from U13-U19 for each gender

### Players Playing Up

This will be to the discretion of both coaches which will benefit the players progression but final decision will be of the club president

### Adidas Uniform

MLUSC will continue to brand the Adidas uniforms for both Recreation and Travel.  
Our New Travel Home Jerseys are Fully Customized and unique to only MLUSC



### Tournaments

Tournaments will be selected and presented to the teams at least 4 months prior to event. Tournaments are subject to change if need be. MLUSC will be working now to host our own MLUSC / North Dade for April 2017

### Satellite Sites

MLUSC will start to build satellite sites in other cities and towns which will be under the MLUSC umbrella. Therefore players from these satellite sites will be training under our curriculum and can be called up to play in our A and/or B teams respectively.

This will bring more internal competition for our players thus making our teams much stronger when representing in league and tournament play

### International Pro Partner

MLUSC will work with one or more Professional Soccer Teams. Announcement of the particular team will be prior to the new season with heavy PR and an exciting way for us to begin our season.

### Hudl Partnership

MLUSC will partner with Hudl (a video software company); We are able to get the equipment to record, edit and view the games played on Home games and selected tournaments. This is a great tool for coaches to analyze the teams previous games and make corrections in a tactical class setting. Most importantly this is a great tool for college player profile videos that all College coaches want to see prior to making a commitment on a player.

### College / SAT Prep

MLUSC will mandate a College/ SAT Prep program for our U14 and older.

Each age group would need to maintain a certain criteria and tutoring assistance will be available for our players to be at that optimum grade and results. This will transfer over to selected colleges/ universities from early allowing our players a great advantage in attaining a Scholarship.

MLUSC has and will continue its time developing soccer skills, but once a player has completed their last year - The Exit Strategy is making sure the player is academically (SAT/ACT GPA) sound so the player can attain a College Scholarship

### International Goalkeeping Academy

Spearheaded by Coach Daniel - ex Espanyol (spa) Coach, Daniel will train and bring a team of experienced GK Trainers that will get all our young Goal Keepers to the next Level of becoming an Elite GK. Goal Keepers from all over South Florida will get the opportunity to be part of this new professional Goal Keeping Academy



### International Experience

In the past MLUSC has taken players to the United Kingdom on a number of occasions, to gain international experience, play against the pro academy teams, view the lifestyle of a young / current Pro, Tour city / towns and the Clubs Stadiums, watch a live Professional Soccer Match with a chance to get autographs. These experiences encourages our players to work harder to get to that dream of becoming a professional Soccer player. Our Scheduled dates for our Academy teams will be Spring Break 2018 and for our teams 13+ will be in the Summer 2018.

### Testing

A Fitness testing program that is designed by Alvin Murray will be in full implementation for this coming season. The test will include: Endurance, Speed, Agility, Strength and Power. Results will be shown and compared to where the player should be based on age / level. These results are valuable information for the coaches and club to allow us know and to improve allowing our players to be at their maximum at any given time during the season.

### Club Physio

MLUSC will be seeking a new club Physio.

All injured players are encouraged to attend our assigned physio days for rehab and movement. Our goal is to keep the player motivated, part of the team and to make sure the recovery process is as planned .

### Pre-Season (mid June - August)

MLUSC will make it Mandatory for all players to attend at least 75% of the Clubs Pre Season.

This will begin June, with a team training approach with the team coach conducting the session.

The day will be split up concentrating on individual skill, fitness, tactics and team training. This year MLUSC will be either entering in a local Summer League, tournament sand/or organizing games .

The goal is to make sure all our players are at their optimum from the very beginning of the season.

### Guest Playing & Release Fee

Whether it is internal or external the clubs **guest playing form** must be verified and signed off by the Club President. Depending upon the individual circumstance; MLUSC release fee is \$500 (plus all club fees paid)



**Our Mission** is to make sure our club has a development structure which will teach, nurture our youth players to acquire the correct fundamentals, understand the games tactics and strategies and in preparation to attain a Soccer Scholarship and Professional experiences.

**Our Objectives** will be to teach and train soccer players the fundamentals of the game, develop leadership qualities and promote good sportsmanship among players, coaches, parents and spectators. We will provide young players with the opportunity to participate in a soccer experience where they can develop positive self-esteem and build character by learning the virtues of hard work, respect, honesty, self-control, teamwork and sportsmanship.

#### **Board Of Directors (voting Position)**

Alvin Murray - Club President

Gladys De La Cruz - Club Treasurer

Soledad Serrano - Club Fundraiser & Community Liaison (Appointed)

Alvaro Franco– Director of Operations (Rec Dir / Registrar)



*The President:*

- Shall preside at all general meetings and meetings of the Board.
- Shall develop meeting agendas.
- Shall develop in conjunction with the Treasurer an annual budget for board approval
- Shall be the official representative of Miami Lakes United Soccer Club
- Shall perform such duties as required by members of the Board of Directors.
- Shall also cast the deciding vote on any issue that results in a tie vote otherwise.

*The Vice-President:*

In the absence of the President, shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

- In case of disability, resignation, or other long-term absence of the President, shall assume all presidential duties until the next Annual General Meeting or any Special Meeting called for the election of a new President.
- The special duty of the Vice President shall be to oversee and facilitate the workings of the committees of the board, and to perform such duties as required by members of the Board of Directors.
- Shall schedule referees for all MLUSC games requiring them.
- Publicize referee training clinics for novice referees.
- Provide necessary information to the Treasurer for payment of referees.
- Shall maintain or cause to maintain the soccer playing fields for MLUSC
- Shall work with the Board, town, and any other appropriate parties to maintain current and plan future fields for the MLUSC program.
- Shall schedule available fields for team practices and games and work to resolve any league issues that might involve fields.
- Shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

*The Treasurer:*

- Shall have charge of all finances of the MLUSC, including all fund raising activities and purchasing, subject to the Board policy, and shall report on the condition of same at all Board and General Meetings.
- Shall submit a written report at the AGM covering the prior year's activities.
- Shall, in conjunction with the President, prepare an annual budget Board approval
- Shall be authorized to sign checks and ensure timely payments required to and/or by any local, state or national organizations and vendors.
- Shall perform such duties as required by members of the Board of Directors.



### *The Secretary:*

- Organize and make sure all Board and Managers meetings are scheduled and conducted by the Board
- Shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board, including a record of attendance.
- Shall make these available by mail or e-mail and insure that all Board Members receive them in a timely manner.
- Shall be responsible for all Association correspondence.
- Shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.
- Shall keep accurate records of all members of MLUSC who are players, coaches, and/or members of the Board of Directors.
- Shall provide an accurate accounting of uniform sizes to the Equipment Coordinator to enable efficient uniform ordering.

### *Fundraising Organizer*

- Shall manage all activities related to fund-raising. These activities could be – but not limited to: chair a sub-committee on fund raising, organize sales of goods and or food to support MLUSC.
- The intent of these funds is for the betterment of MLUSC as an organization.
- The board must approve any fund raising activities that are recommended by the Fund Raiser Coordinator as well as any fund raising activities by outside parties.
- Organize and Schedule our club to attend local town events, causes and appearances.
- Shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors

### *Registrar (paid position)*

- Shall be the clubs main contact personnel
- Shall be the clubs main communication outlet
- Shall in a timely manner and as requested provide rosters of all teams to the President, the league to which the town belongs, and MLUSC and shall provide individual team rosters to each coach.
- Shall upon request and in a timely manner provide an accurate, up-to-date list and provide for any changes in the rosters to all appropriate parties.
- Shall be the point of contact regarding rained out cancellations.
- Shall provide all forms and information required to and/or by any local, state and national organizations.
- Shall ensure the timely rostering of teams with the state organization in order to insure insurance coverage for players, coaches and administrators.
- Shall manage and maintain the clubs website and social media accounts
- Shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.



### *Duties of the Team Manager*

- Are critical to the club structure. It is their input and guidance that ensures the needs of players and parents are met.
- Communication median between parents and coach (regarding: performance, playing time, changes to schedules etc)
- Has a Town mandated background check and Park Badge
- Is available to parents , players and the coach to provide feedback and answer team related questions.
- Attend all games, tournaments and at least one practice per week
- Attend the Monthly Manager meetings and clinics as set by the Club President
- Relays any issues that arise to the Board of Directors
- Carries pass cards, medical release forms etc.
- Team first mentality

### *Duties of the Recreational Director (paid position)*

- Must advertise, organize and coordinate the Recreational Programs
- Assign Coaches, Referees and additional helpers
- Construct schedules, teams, uniform colors.
- Coordinate field spacing making sure it is assigned with the Travel teams in mind
- Be present at practices and game days
- Respond to all changes, parent complaints and Discipline

### *Duties of Coaches*

- Shall work with the club President to ensure placement of players on appropriate teams.
- Shall plan and publicize team practices at a time convenient for the largest number of players.
- Shall follow all MLUSC, FYSA, US CLUB and League policies.
- Shall be expected to pursue, within a year, a minimum D license. .
- Shall complete NAYS coaching Course and Level 2 Background Screening .

### **Meetings**

- The Board of Directors will meet the first Monday of each Month at the Royal Oaks Community Center.
- The Managers along with the Board will meet the second Monday of each month



### Structure of the Program

The Miami Lakes United Soccer Club (MLUSC) has established and will continue to develop soccer curriculums designed to guide each player through the varying stages of their development.

MLUSC's curriculum strategy is to provide soccer programs for all levels of play and help each player achieve the highest level of soccer ability.

The core values are centered around developing technique, self confidence, creativity and sportsmanship.

### Recreational Soccer

Miami Lakes United Soccer Clubs Recreational Program is the introductory program to our club. Enrolling over 350 players each year our program includes weekly practices and games during the Fall and Spring seasons..

There are no tryouts. No soccer skill is necessary to join.

All players are guaranteed to play every game.

Play begins in the Under-4 age group and continues into the teen years.

Our new Season will begin Late August 2017; Please see our Recreational Soccer Handbook

### The Academy

This seasons Academy Program will be for U7-U12 players and scheduled to practice 2/3 days a week at 4:30pm-6:00pm.

The Academy Players will selected and/or invited.

The curriculum will consist of Technical Training ( ball-touches / footwork / skill development / control / receiving / body shape etc)

Each Age group will play in Travel Leagues but emphasis will be on player development in this crucial age group.

Once Academy players progress through to the Select Ages (U12+), all players will have had a 1-4 year intense technical training regime -

therefore they will have the ingredients for the making of a future star.

(Technique is best practiced at an early age, because it will be very hard to correct once entering the teenage years)



The remaining content in this Manual refers to the Select / Travel Program

MLUSC Select / travel teams will be selected players for U13-U19 teams that represents Miami Lakes United Soccer Club in Regional league Competition and Tournaments.

The level of Play is high and the commitment level of both Parents and players is higher.

Our PreSeason runs from Mid-June– August (Mandatory)

Our Season runs from August – May / 16500 NW 87th Avenue, Royal Oaks Park, Miami Lakes

With our Hand picked coaching staff and structure to maintain quality throughout the ages, MLUSC will be very competitive in South Florida United Soccer Leagues and the Florida United Girls Soccer Association.

Our Coaches are Experienced, Many with direct connections with High School / Colleges Soccer programs and also International backgrounds.

In addition to our 3 days a week practice and weekend game schedule, MLUSC will provide:

- Weekly Goal Keeping practices

- Scheduled College/SAT Prep

Be sure to follow our progress and hope your child will be a part our new and successful program

International Soccer Tour/ Experience

Emphasis is Tactical & Strategies; Players are technically trained and getting results on Game Days in view of Soccer Scholarships and/or Pro Opportunities

All Our Elite Teams will be noted as **‘Legacy’**

### Communication

MLUSC communicates with its members in many ways:

- Communication regarding a team is handled by the team Manager
- Communication about club-wide events/ notifications will be sent to all members via email.
- The MLUSC Website is an important resource for club information. We will continually updating the sites content to keep you informed of the latest happenings. We recommend that parents who wish to keep informed about the club check the website often. [www.miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com](http://www.miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com)
- Approved Board meeting minutes, bylaws are posted on the clubs website
- The annual General Meeting of the club membership is held once per year per the bylaws.

### Commitment

Each MLUSC player is expected to attend every training session and game. We realize that on occasion it may be necessary to miss practice or a game. In that case please inform your Manager as far in advance as possible



## Playing Time

The MLUSC playing time policy follows the guidelines of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). It is a simple policy and is one that most travel club use.

*There is no Guarantee of the amount of Game time your child will get*

At MLUSC playing time is at the discretion of the coaches and players 'earn' it through their work ethic and skill in practice and games. Just as playing can be earned it can also be lost.

The following are examples of situations that will result in a loss of playing time.

- Not being in good standing with the club (fees not paid etc)
- Being late to or absent from practices and games
- Being disruptive during the coaching process
- Being disrespectful to coaches or other players

## Violations

The following violations will result in a loss of playing time or other disciplinary actions.

- Arriving Late to Practice or games may result in loss of playing time
- Failure to appear at practices or games may result in loss of playing time
- Repeated violations may result in suspension
- Fighting shall be grounds for suspension
- Failure to pay fees. A player and his parents shall pay the fees established by MLUSC for the program date specified in the program description. Failure to pay fees as established by MLUSC shall result in the immediate suspension of the player until fees are paid or a fee arrangement is established and agreed by the board of Directors.

**Club Rule: If a players parent gets issued a red card from the referee, the parents child will miss the next game.**



### Suspension

A suspended player must be present at team games unless excused by the team coach. If player suspension occurs while travelling with the team the player may be sent home immediately at the players parents expense by what ever means is most convenient and reasonable for the team coach. In the event of suspension there shall be no reimbursement to fees made to the suspended players parents.

Any player engaging in substance abuse including but not limited to drugs, alcohol and tobacco is subject to immediate suspension from MLUSC for a term established by the Board of Directors. It is the players responsibility to act in a manner that avoids the situation that involves substance abuse. Such situation if they occur must be immediately reported to the team coach or appropriate team chaperone. Persistence irresponsibility and disrespectful behavior by a player is cause for suspension from MLUSC for a term as established by the Board of Directors. Destruction of property and/or violation of state and/or federal laws are cause for suspension from the club for a term established by the Board of Directors. Failure to comply with any rules and regulations as established by MLUSC Board of Directors or Team Coach including but not limited to payment of fees, practice attendance, and schedules may result in loss of playing time. Persistent failure to comply as set forth above may result in suspension from MLUSC as established by the Board of Directors.

### Dispute Resolution

Parents who have disputes or issues with the operation of the club/team should first contact the team manager. The manager will in turn communicate with the Director of Coaching to resolve the issue. If problem still persists, parents would need to fill out the Dispute Resolution Form (see the last pages of this handbook), and hand directly to any of the Board of Directors; which a meeting will be set up with whom is involved.



### Transfer and Release Policy

The MLUSC policy on transfers and releases acknowledges that a player is bound to our league from the date that registrations are due to the end of the full year (from August 1st - May 31st). Once a competitive player has been rostered to a team, their obligation and loyalty is to that team. The transfer request may be given if agreed by all parties including the team coach and the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse a transfer request if there is not a valid reason for leaving the club. A MLUSC player may be released from his/her team at any-time and will be placed on inactive status by the FYSA. In order to return to active status during the same seasonal year, the player must go back to the Miami lakes united soccer club and re-register or initiate a transfer request.

If the Board of Directors does approve a transfer or release request, that players' financial obligation to the club must be satisfied before a transfer or release is approved. The player needs to pay in full, the amount owed for the remainder of their year commitment to the Miami lakes united soccer club **plus an additional \$500 release fee** . Upon acknowledge of payment, the transfer or release request will be signed by the Board of Directors.

### Guest Playing

The guest playing request may be given if agreed by the Head Coach and Board of Directors. Guest playing confirmation form must be signed by the Head Coach and the Club President at least 24 hours prior to the game. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse a guest playing request whether it is internal (with our club), from our club to another club and/or from another club to our club.

For a player from another club that wants to guest play with MLUSC, upon the approval of the club president, all guest forms must be completed and verified by the club registrar.



## FINANCES

### Club Managed

Club Managed means that every member (parent) pays an annual club fee and the club arranges and pays for the entire soccer program; from insurance, club passes & Fees, Goals, Nets, Equipment, Coaches Salary, Town Commitments etc. In general the club provides a year-long program, including preseason, early season, regular season and late season play, tournaments and training. An experienced and Qualified Coach is assigned to each team each and/or every other season. The curriculum that each trainer uses is developed and guided by our Club President.

### Club Fees

#### U7 Throughout U8 Academy

\$1050 Registration Fee ( including Uniform )

#### U9 Throughout U19

\$1440 Registration Fee (not including Uniform )

### Uniforms and Equipment:

For the Season 2017-2018, MLUSC will continue to wear the official Adidas uniforms; Customized Home Jersey - Unique to MLUSC

All other equipment (example: warm-ups, bags, sweatshirt, polo, etc.) is available as an optional package that can be purchased by the player/families/teams upon request.

### Services

All MLUSC are club managed for this season; The fees include:

- Club Registration Fee; This covers administrative costs of running the club; including Insurance, Referee assigning / game fees, Legal and accounting fees.
- Facilities and equipment
- Qualified and Experienced Coaches
- Goalie Training Academy
- Pre-Season (Summer mandatory - partially funded)
- Skill / Fitness Component
- Soccer Scholarship component

### Optional Additional Fee

- SAT / ACT Tutoring
- HUDL Video editing equipment & Software
- Private Soccer Training
- International Soccer Tour



### Financial Aid

Parents that are in financial difficulty would need to contact the Club Treasurer. If a scholarship is awarded - this must be approved by the club president.

### Fundraising

MLUSC is a non-profit organization and as such, we rely on our members and community for support and different fundraising ideas to attain funds for the team.

These fundraising ideas include various efforts within our membership to become active in their club, such as:

- Individuals who have private businesses can become corporate/individual sponsors, please see our Club Fundraising organizer.
- Others who want to be individual sponsors are encouraged Future initiatives may be events such as silent auctions, pizza sales, car washes, etc can be organized through the fundraising/sponsorship committee and full blown corporate sponsorship.

MLUSC needs the ongoing involvement of individuals to volunteer as part of the Sponsorship/Fundraising committee in order to approach corporate sponsors. The respective businesses within the Miami Lakes areas are prime candidates to solicit their involvement in being a part of the club that's within the community that they serve. Lastly, MLUSC will reach out to overall corporations that would have an interest in being affiliated with the program.

### Community Events

MLUSC will be more present in the community by given our services to help in the local community events, working closely with the Miami Lakes Youth Task Force, Local Hospitals, homeless shelters and great causes such as breast cancer awareness, children with autism and more.

### Scholarships

Our ultimate goal is to have enough corporate sponsors to eliminate parental fees. Unfortunately with USA Youth Soccer being a very financially bearing sport - MLUSC understands not many can afford and/or we are unable to attain the top performers without this.

Scholarships are now distributed by the Coach (approved by the President).

The Coach will be looking at but not limited to: Talented, Top performing Player / Potential Player with Financial deficiencies



The following is the clubs refund policy

- If a refund is requested within 48 hours after registration, all fees will be refunded.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE CONSIDERED after June 5th  
(Medical situations and family relocation may be exempt from this rule)

## TRYOUTS

Tryouts are conducted by the Club President and the Clubs Coaches. No parents or Managers will be involved in this process. MLUSC feels that using impartial/ experienced evaluators is the best (and fairest) way to place players from year to year. For dates and information about MLUSC tryouts, check the clubs website at: [www.miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com](http://www.miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com)

## Players Missing Tryouts

Each year, some current and prospective players are unavailable on the tryout dates for their respective age group. Players are at a considerable disadvantage by not attending tryouts. If a player will be missing all or parts of tryouts, he or she must:

- Notify the Director of Coaching and express interest in playing for MLUSC for the upcoming year.

## Players Interested in playing up a year

The Director of Coaching is responsible for placing players at the appropriate level. As a general rule. We do not let players U8 thru U14 play up a year - this is a USSF recommendation. At MLUSC there are circumstances where a player will be allowed to play up, these include but are not limited to:

- They will be an impact player on the higher age level team
- A team does not have enough players at that age group and players are needed to fill the roster
- They have permission from the Director of Coaching.
- **Final Approval by the Clubs President**

## Girls interested in playing on a Boys Team

In general we do not allow girls to play on a boys team. That being said, there are circumstances where this will be allowed, these include but are not limited to:

- They will be an impact player on the boys team
- A team does not have enough players at that age group and players are needed to fill the roster
- They have permission from the Director of Coaching.
- **Final Approval by the Clubs President**

MLUSC main objective is 'Player Development' and MLUSC is committed to placing a player where they have the best possible chance to develop in the next 12 months with the club.



### Players who wish to join Mid-Season

If a player wishes to join the club mid-season and has not gone through the regular tryout process they will need to :

- Notify the Board of Directors and express interest in playing for MLUSC

### SAFETY

#### MLUSC Safety Initiatives

Your child's safety is MLUSC's highest priority. The club has several initiatives to ensure safety.

- All Coaches have First-Aid Trained
- All Coaches will have a town mandated Background Check
- All Coaches have passed the NAYS child protection workshop.

### Weather

MLUSC follows the lightning and weather policy of the Town of Miami Lakes Parks and Recreation department. The Royal Park has a Lightning Prediction System. The following procedures are to be followed when potentially dangerous weather exists:

- A warning Signal (one long 15 second horn blast) will sound and strobe lights will activate when a potentially dangerous weather situation is approaching. The strobe lights are mounted on the Royal Oaks Community Center and the concessions/bathroom building .
- All activities in the park will end immediately and patrons must leave the park, it is recommended that the park patrons seek shelter in their cars or a building. All park patrons must wait until the Lightning Prediction System performs an all clear signal before returning to the park.
- The all clear signal (three short horn blasts, 2 seconds apart) will sound, and the strobe lights will deactivate. Park patrons may resume activities.
- The Lightning Prediction System helps assess the conditions, Neither the signal nor the system is intended to guarantee that the conditions are safe, if the weather is threatening and no warning signal is heard or seen, use good judgement and clear the field.
- MLUSC will utilize the Town of Miami Lakes Rainout System

The Rainout Line is a multiformat system that allows its end users to have various options in the ways they can receive and check the status of a park. The system allows access to up-to-date information via a phone line at (786)646-0076, a web based system at <https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/7866460076> , and most importantly... **NOW AVAILABLE as an function of our “Lakes Life” Mobile App!**



### Field Assignment

Since Royal Oaks Park is a public park from The Town of Miami Lakes, they have the final decision on field availability. When the Town closes the field or if we need to share with other sports programs, we will post a notice on the MLUSC website and/or clubs social media accounts (see below) and in most cases send an email to all club members. You should be notified by your team Manager of practice or game cancellations/ changes.

### Field Availability

For Home Games and Practices; parents can call your team manager  
Managers will communicate with our Clubs Vice President.

### Contact Information

CLUB: Miami Lakes United Soccer Club

HOME & PRACTTICE FIELD: Royal Oaks Park

16500 NW 87th Avenue, Miami Lakes 33018

UNIFORM: Orange / Black / White / Grey

WEBSITE: [www.miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com](http://www.miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com)

EMAIL: [info@miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com](mailto:info@miamilakesunitedsoccerclub.com)

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/miamilakesunitedsoccerclub](https://www.facebook.com/miamilakesunitedsoccerclub)

INSTAGRAM: #miamilakesunitedsoccerclub



## Code of Conduct

### The Club promises:

- A safe environment, in which players can learn and grow.
- Structured training appropriate for players' age and degree of development.
- Participation in matches scheduled and approved by the FYSA league.
- Qualified Coaches and Facilities.
- Evaluations of players' development and improvements

### Players promise to:

- Attend practices regularly and punctually, listen to the coaches, work hard and provide excuses for absences.
- Practice the techniques they've learned and try to use them in match play.
- Take part in games and other activities provided by the MLUSC, work hard and put the interests of the team ahead of personal goals.
- Attend school regularly and punctually, behaving there the same way they do at MLUSC.
- Maintain an athletic lifestyle, i.e. sensible leisure time activities, sufficient rest and a healthy diet.

### Parents promise to:

- Help players reach the goals set for them and obey the rules of the MLUSC.
- Support players, praise good work and encourage them during critical periods.
- Set good examples for players.
- Acknowledge that players are members of the MLUSC and do not permit them to have any contact with other clubs in compliance to the rules provided by the FYSA.
- Encourage players during matches and practices.
- Leave all game instruction and comments to the teams coach.
- Will not make disruptive comments to players, opponents, fans, referees or coaches during match play.



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
League Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Age & Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Who is the complaint being filed against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Incident Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
League (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Please be advised that in order to properly consider this complaint, the MLUSC Board of Directors will need:

1. A written statement from you. Please include the specific violations that you are charging, if you know them. It is helpful, but not necessary, if the MLUSC Handbook rules have been violated, to please quote the precise rule. This statement should be detailed and include dates, locations, etc. Keep in mind that this statement will be used to determine the validity of the complaint, so a thorough and complete explanation is necessary.
2. Any supporting documentation (if applicable), which you believe is relevant to the charges that you have raised.
3. Written statements from witnesses (if applicable), describing the events in question from any individuals you wish to reference. It is helpful to include contact information.
4. List of Witnesses (if applicable), including names and phone numbers of any witness you intend to call upon during the hearing.

Upon receipt of the initial complaint, the Commissioners will perform a review and advise you of the outcome. Please be advised that if the Commissioners feels that you have grounds to press a grievance against the individual, that individual is entitled to receive the following information:

1. All materials submitted to the Board are sent to the accused prior to any hearing, as the accused must be provided with the tools and times in which to mount a defense
2. Names of all individuals who will be giving testimony against the accused.

The Board will set a date for the hearing. You are responsible to prove your case. You are responsible for arranging for witnesses to present evidence supporting your claim. You are responsible to provide the committee with all evidence you think will be necessary. Written testimony can be submitted in the absence of the testimony. It will likely be viewed with less weight than live testimony. Evidence or witnesses presented for the first time at the hearing may not be permitted to testify.

Please include a copy of this form with your letter of complaint

Anonymous complaints will not be considered



**MLUSC - Player / Parent Commitment Form****Competitive Program Players**

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address - Primary: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Age &amp; Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player Commitment**

I have read and agree to the Player Code of Conduct and understand that I am making a 1 year commitment to my team

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Player's Signature)**Parents Commitment**

We/I have read the Miami lakes united soccer club Handbook and:

- Understand the specifics of the program my child is participating and that my child is making a 1 year commitment to their team
- Agree to the Parents Code of Conduct and Parents Conduct at Games
- Agree to Volunteer as requested to assist the Miami lakes united soccer club

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Name) (Parent's Signature)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Name) (Parent's Signature)**Form to be returned to the Team Manager prior to the beginning of the Fall season**

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_ / \_\_ / 2016



## Laws of the Game

Without attempting to provide all of the rules of play, this section will acquaint everyone with the rules which govern safety, the referee, illegal contact and off-sides. These subjects will enhance spectator knowledge of the game and help reduce parental confusion and frustration.

The MLUSC want everyone to know and love the game which is enhanced by understanding the Laws of the Game.

## Safety

A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself/herself or another player (including any kind of jewellery).

## Basic Equipment

The basic compulsory equipment of a player is:

- A jersey or shirt- must be tucked in before and during a game
- Shorts
- Socks- must be pulled up over shin guards
- Shin guards
- Footwear

## Shin guards

- Are covered entirely by the socks
- Are made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, or similar substance)
- Provide a reasonable degree of protection

## Goalkeepers

- Each goalkeeper wears colors which distinguish him/her from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees



## The Referee

Each match is controlled by the referee who has full authority to enforce the laws of the game in connection with the match to which he has been appointed.

### Powers and Duties

- Enforces the laws of the game
- Controls the match in co-operation with the assistant referees and where applicable, with the fourth official
- Ensures that any ball used meets the requirements of the game
- Ensures that the players' equipment meets the requirements of the game
- Acts as timekeeper and keeps a record of the match
- Stops, suspends or terminates the match, at this discretion, for any infringements of the laws of the game
- Stops, suspends or terminates the match because of outside interference of any kind
- Stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play. An injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted.
- Allows play to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in his opinion, only slightly injured
- Ensures that any player bleeding from a wound leaves the field of play
- Allows play to continue when the team against which an offense has been committed will benefit from such an advantage and penalized the original offense if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time
- Punishes the more serious offense when a player commits more than one offense at the same time
- Takes disciplinary action against players guilty of cautionable and sending-off offenses. He is not obliged to take this action immediately but must do so when the ball next goes out of play
- Acts on the advise of assistant referees regarding incidents which he has not seen
- Restarts the game after it has been stopped
- Provides the appropriate authorities with the match report which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players, and/or team officials and any other incidents which occurred before, during or after the match.

**Note- The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final. The referee may only changed a decision on realizing that it is incorrect or, at his discretion, on the advice of an assistant referee, provided that he has not restarted play.**



### **The Assistant Referees- Duties**

The two assistant referees are appointed whose duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are

to indicate:

- When the whole of the ball has passed out of the field of play
  - Which side is entitled a corner kick, goal kick or throw-in
  - When a player may be penalized for being in an offside position
  - When a substitution is requested
  - When misconduct or any other incident has occurred out of the view of the referee
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- When the offences have been committed whenever the assistants are closer to the action than the referee (this includes, in particular circumstances, offenses committed in the penalty area)
  - Whether, at penalty kicks, the goalkeeper has moved forward before the ball has been kicked and if the ball has crossed the line



## Offside Position

It is not an offense in itself to be in an offside position. A play is in an offside position if:

- He/she is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent

A player is not in an offside position if:

- He/she is in his own half of the field of play or
- He/she is level with the second last opponent or
- He/she is level with the last two opponents

## Offense

A player in an offside position is only penalized if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by:

- Interfering with play / Interfering with opponent / Gaining an advantage by being in that position

## No offense

There is no offside offense if a player receives the ball directly from:

- A goal kick or/ A throw-in or / A corner kick

**Note- For any offside offenses, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.**

## Direct Free Kick

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offenses in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps / Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent

A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following four offenses:

- Tackles an opponent for gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball
- Holds an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)

**Note- A direct free kick is taken from where the offense occurred.**



### **Penalty Kick**

A penalty kick is awarded if any of the above offenses is committed by a player inside his own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball, provided it is in play.

### **Indirect Free Kick**

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following four offenses:

- Takes more than six seconds while controlling the ball with his hands before releasing it from his possession
  - Touches the ball again with his hands after it has been released from his possession and has not touched any other player
  - Touches the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a team-mate
  - Touches the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate
- An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee:
- Plays in a dangerous manner
  - Impedes the progress of an opponent
  - Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands
  - Commits any other offense, not previously mentioned in the laws of fouls and misconducts, for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player

**Note- the indirect free kick is taken from where the offense occurred.**

**Please remember that referees are human beings and they too make mistakes. They do their best to be in the right position to make the call and make sure the game is played fairly, in a safe environment and is fun for the kids.**



### Parent Conduct at Games

- Make every effort to bring their child to every practice and game on time, correctly equipped, fed and as instructed by the coach
- Avoid coaching players during the game and recognize that there are opportunities to assist the team and the club
- Not shout and scream on the sidelines
- Respect the referee's decision and develop a sound understanding of the Laws of the Game
- Give attention to all of the children involved in the game and not the most experienced, talented or my own
- Recognize that youth sport relies on volunteers and will volunteer to help when asked to do so
- Support the coach and recognize that they are working to develop their soccer skills
- Recognize the value of committing to a team and a full season and will support my children in seeing through their commitment. Understand the impact on the rest of the team of withdrawing part way through a season or between seasons.



