

EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS

You are their biggest fans and most important teacher in life. Support them in all they do, let them make decisions, and let them learn from their successes and their mistakes.

" POSITIVE" BEHAVIOR BY PARENTS MEANS....	"NEGATIVE" BEHAVIOR BY PARENTS MEANS...
<p>Supporting Players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your biggest job is to positively cheering and applaud great plays and great efforts by ALL players and the team.. - Try to look for the little improvements in all the players. - Being specific helps. "Great Cross, Jimmy" "Nice run, Emma" etc 	<p>Motivating Players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Embarrassing your child in front of teammates for his play by trying to make him work harder or analyzing his play. This only frustrates the player. True, it may make your child work harder for a few minutes just to make you happy, but it won't keep a positive lasting impression. - Be aware that over the top cheering can be just as embarrassing as negative comments. - Don't always focus on your child. This is a team effort and one player cannot and should not do it all.
<p>Instructions to Players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There should be NO instructions from the parents. - It may seem helpful, but is not allowing them to make and learn from decisions. 	<p>Instructions to Players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -During the game, parents should not offer any verbal direction. It may be different than what the coach or players have been working at, and only causes confusion and frustration to the players. - Do not bring your child over at half time and give direction. This is the time for the player to be with the coach.
<p>Strategy Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There should be NO instructions from the parents. 	<p>Strategy Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right or wrong, any parental advice different than what the coach or players have been working at, may causes confusion and frustration to the players.
<p>Helping the Referee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing needs to be said during the game to the referees. - No matter what your feelings of the game, it would be a nice gesture to thank the referees for the time they spend running your child's game. - Once the game is over...the game is over! Good sportsmanship is the best model for your child to follow. 	<p>Helping the Referee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Do not call fouls, offside, hand ball, or yell "What was that, what are you calling, you're so biased " etc. -The referee is trying his/her best and is not biased against anybody. - Do not use grunts, whines or hand gestures to show disapproval.