

What Parents Can Do

Before the Game

- Tell your child you are proud of him or her regardless of how well he or she plays.
- Make a commitment to honor the game no matter what others may do.

During the Game

- Cheer good plays by both teams.
- Mention good calls by the officials to others.
- Encourage others to honor the game.
- Remember to have fun! Enjoy the day.

TEAM CONCEPT

After the Game

- Ask your child open-ended questions:
 - “What was the most enjoyable part of the game for you? Least enjoyable?”
 - “Do you feel you gave it your best effort?”
 - “How did you respond to any mistakes you made?”
 - “Did you bounce back?”
 - “What did you learn from the game?”
- Tell your child again that you are proud of him or her! (Especially if the game didn't go well)
- Thank officials for doing a difficult job.
- Thank the coaches for their effort.

What If

- The official makes a “bad” call against your team? *Respect and Honor the Game—be silent!*
- Another spectator on your team begins to berate the official? *Ask them to Respect and Honor the Game, that officials are human and make mistakes.*
- Your child does not get to play/participate in the game? *Review the reasons why kids play sports.*