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GENERAL PRINCIPALS FOR PARENTS

Athletes and coaches will not be able to perform at their best if parents do not have a clear understanding of the youth football program. The following is a suggested guideline for parents:

1. Understand the daily pressure a child face. Football should be an outlet and place for a player to have fun. It is not a place to live out a parent's fantasies. Encourage your child and allow him/her to have a good time.
2. Remember that your child learns more from your actions than your words. Practice good sportsmanship by being respectful to players, parents and coaches on both teams.
3. Parents should appreciate the effort made by both teams. There is nothing wrong with applauding a good play made by the opponents.
4. Parents should support the coach if he/she follows proper coaching guidelines. It is inappropriate for a parent to coach a player who is on the field. It not only devalues the coach, it also confuses the player.
5. Parents should not embarrass their child by calling attention to themselves through loud and rude behavior.
6. Be a parent and not coach to your children. Offer encouragement and positive reinforcement. A sure way to dampen your child's enthusiasm is with constant criticism.
7. Parents should encourage discipline by having their children arrive on time for practice and games. Make sure all players have their full equipment on and ready to play.
8. Parents should help their children realize that belonging to a team requires commitment. Regular attendance and being prepared are necessary for the team to function smoothly.
9. Parents should volunteer their services whenever possible this shows the participants the value of being a team player.
10. Parents should respect the officials and their calls. It is okay to disagree but inappropriate to criticize.