

Code of Conduct - Parents

1. Talk about the other kids on the team indeed, on both teams -- in same manner you would want other parents to talk about your child. This is the golden rule applied to sports. Watching kids' sports tend to be a social affair. When you are making conversation on the sideline with your friends and neighbors about a player watch what you are saying before you say it. To be on the safe side, only voice praise for the other children. That way, you will never go wrong.
2. Remember that all coaches are volunteers who are sacrificing their own time to help your kid. So, give them a well-deserved salute, especially when their team has not fared well that day.
3. Do not hesitate to give the ref, umpire or official a pat on the back, either. As you might have guessed, refs and umps are people, too. They like it when parents and fans acknowledge their field efforts.
4. Remind your child that it is the effort that counts. 'We know all kids want to win. That's a given. Be prepared to cushion your child's disappointment after a loss by pointing out that he or she played hard and put forth a tremendous effort.
5. Avoid the post game analysis. When the game is over and your child climbs back into your car, avoid at all cost the detailed, excruciating, post game analysis of everything he or she did right or wrong. Just let your child chill out, savor the fun of having played, and relax. The absolute worst time for "friendly criticism" is immediately after the game.
6. Smile. Kids' sports are about having fun, and because kids take their behavioral cues from you, try at least to look like you are enjoying yourself.
7. If you are not a "good sport" at the games, the kids will not be either. This should be self-evident. If you set a pattern of being a sideline loudmouth who likes to yell and scream at the ref coach or opposing team, do not be surprised when your kids start copying your behavior. You will have only yourself to blame.
8. Take time to learn the rules of the game.
9. If you must make noise at the games, shout only praise and encouragement. There's never any place for derogatory, snide or sarcastic comments at kid's games.
10. Above all, be there for your kids. Support them, praise them, and let them know you can always be counted on for unconditional love, regardless of the final score.

NOTE: Any HY Board Member, Director, or On Duty Umpire can remove any parent or fan that acts in an inappropriate manner from the baseball facility. If a parent or fan is removed from a game they will not be allowed to return for the next game. If a parent or fan is removed twice in the same season or if it is necessary to call the police to have the person removed, they will not be allowed to attend HY activities or a period of one year from the date of the second removal or the date that it was necessary to contact the authorities.