



PARENT'S ROLE

- Attend as many games as possible
- Be a model, not a critic; model appropriate behavior, poise, and confidence
- Attend preseason team meetings
- Do everything possible to make the athletic experience positive for your child and others
- View the game with team goals in mind
- Attempt to relieve competitive pressure, not increase it
- Encourage multiple-sport participation
- Release your children to the coach and the team
- Look upon opponents as friends involved in the same experience
- Accept the judgment of the officials and coaches; remain in control
- Accept the results of each game; do not make excuses
- Demonstrate winning and losing with dignity
- Dignify mistakes made by athletes who are giving their best effort and concentration
- Be an encourager- encourage athletes to keep their perspective in both victory and defeat
- Be a good listener
- Accept the goals, roles, and achievements of your child

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