



Ajax Premier Soccer

2015-2016 season



Parents/Families Conduct

Coaching from the sideline

- Cheer, don't coach. Avoid yelling specific instructions and issuing commands. This can be extremely confusing for a child and possibly contrary to the coach's instructions.
- Let the coaches coach. If you are telling your son or daughter – or any other player for that matter – to do something different from what the coach is telling them, you create distraction and confusion.
- Make positive comments from the sideline.
- Be encouraging.
- Avoid running up and down the sidelines shouting. If you want to follow the action, make sure that you don't distract the players or block the view of other spectators.

Criticizing players and families

- Do not discuss the play of specific young players in front of other parents. Do not use negative comments, such as: "I don't know how that boy made this team...." or "she's just not fast enough...". Negative comments and attitudes are hurtful, totally unnecessary and kill parent harmony, which is often essential to youth team success.
- Speak to the positive qualities of a player, family or coach.
- Avoid making any negative comments about players on the other team. It is tasteless, classless and unnecessary. These kinds of comments are hurtful to the young person and to their family.
- Try to keep interaction with parents on the other team as healthy and positive as possible.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship

Criticizing coaches

- Do your best not to complain about your son or daughter's coaches to other parents. Once that starts, it spreads beyond control. Before you know it, parents are talking constantly in a negative way behind a coach's back.
- If there is an issue you would like to discuss with regards to coaching, game strategy or playing time, arrange an appointment to meet privately with the coach and/or Ajax program director (Leszek Wrona).

Criticizing referees

- The easiest thing in any sport is to criticize the referees. Referees do their best to be fair and objective. Yes, they will miss calls or make incorrect calls that may or may not affect the outcome of the game but they are there for our kids and they are doing the best they can.
- Outbursts from parents on the sideline made toward the referees only signal to our own children on the field that they can blame the refs for anything that goes wrong. Blaming others is not a formula for success in sports.
- Keep some comments to yourself. Do not speak out to the referee or linesmen.