

## A Players Message to Parents

Thanks for coming to support me today. As my friends and I play, I want you to remember a few things:

1. I am here to have fun. Please encourage me and applaud all the players, no matter who we play for.
2. You are here representing me. Please do not embarrass me by being negative, shouting or swearing.
3. Please do not do anything that distracts me from my game.
4. Please do not coach me from the sideline. My coach is here to teach me and too many instructions confuse me.
5. I am doing my best, and learning to play is more important than winning. Don't ask me the score or if I won. Ask me if I had fun.
6. Praise me for my good skill, discipline, sportsmanship, and effort. These are the things that make me a winner.
7. Do not criticize my mistakes. I will be scared to try new things again. Mistakes will make me a better player because I can learn from them.
8. The Referees are also young people so please do not question their decisions. My coaches will give me help, if needed.
9. Please challenge in a polite way, any spectators who behave badly and in the wrong way. Tell them that we do not want negative behavior.
10. I hope to make you proud of me. Please make me proud of you.