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29 Ways to a Better Experience as a Parent of an Athlete at Scott Middle School

1. There is a reason that student comes first in “student athlete”.
2. Respect the game.
3. Be a student of the game. Learn the game. Study its history. Love the game.
4. Never verbally abuse an official.
5. Being a spectator at an athletic event provides you with an opportunity to reveal your character.
6. Let your child’s coach, coach.
7. Don’t be too hard on your child, but don’t let him have a free ride.
8. Encourage your child’s teammates-even if your child doesn’t play.
9. Tell the truth at all times.
10. You love your child very much, he/she doesn’t know more than his coaches. Neither do you.
11. Don’t make excuses for your child. Don’t let him/her make excuses.
12. Life is not fair.
13. Be passionate about your son’s TEAM.
14. Learn to appreciate routine play done to perfection.
15. Show your child how to strive to win within the rules of the game.
16. Help your child accept his/her role on the TEAM.
17. Show your child how to say thank you.
18. Body language screams. It never whispers.
19. Coaches owe you honesty. Be honest with them.
20. Encourage your child to hustle. It doesn’t take any talent to hustle.
21. Show your child how to learn from mistakes.
22. Games are supposed to be fun. Hard work doesn’t change that. Winning and losing doesn’t change that.
23. Your child doesn’t have to be a great athlete to be a good player.
24. Let your child have his/her life. It is not your team or your game.
25. Show your child how to compete.
26. Encourage your child to play the game rather than play to the fans.
27. Learn the difference between a “right” and a “privilege”. Teach the difference to your child.
28. You cannot change what you did yesterday, but you can change what you are going to do today.
29. Teach your child humility. The spotlight is never too small to share.