



## PLC Champion Parent Focus: Creating the Right Environment



Play Like A Champion Today® reminds parents of the crucial role you play in your children's development in sport and in life. Champion coaches have been given a formula to promote teamwork and a positive environment, parents should continue those teachings at home and in their behavior/example in the school gym.

Problems often arise when parents criticize their children, teammates, and ultimately force themselves into a "coaching" position in which they do not belong. By parents remaining positive and supportive of the ENTIRE team, they set a great example of sportsmanship and teamwork for their child and all the children on the team. Coaches and parents must act as partners in order to create outstanding Champions on and off the field/court. Champion Sport Parents should remember "Guidelines for Sidelines:"

- Avoid coaching from the sidelines.
- Cheer positively for everyone on the team.
- Never jeer or boo from the stands.
- Applaud good play from BOTH teams.
- Remain positive when talking to your child about his/her team.
- Promote the team as a whole as more important than just what your child is doing.
- Work as a partner with your child's coach.

Parents and coaches share the mission of developing young people into better athletes, human beings and disciples of Christ. The best way we can do this in youth sports is to be positive role models for our children and encourage our children to play for the greater glory of God!

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*"What I can do, you cannot do; but what you can do, I cannot do. The needs are great in any situation, in any group, on any team, and none of us, including me, can ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful!"*

*~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta*