



## Champion Parent Focus: Create 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. Play Like A Champion coaches have been given a formula to promote teamwork, athlete responsibility and a positive environment. Parents should continue those teachings at home.*

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, not just your own child.
- Never jeer or boo from the stands.
- Applaud good play from BOTH teams.
- Treat officials with respect.
- Kindly welcome the other team to your gym and wish them good luck in the competition.
- 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



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~Helen Keller

doing.

- Work as a partner with your child's coach.

Parents and coaches share the mission of helping every child develop into a better athlete, human being and disciple of Christ. The best way we can do this in youth sports is to be positive role models for our children and encourage them to be team players!

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