



SPECTATOR AND COACHING EXPECTATIONS SUPER LEAGUE 2023/2024

Watching our children play, learn, and improve in the game of soccer is fun for all parents and coaches. Unfortunately, youth sports can also bring out the worst in us as adults when competition outweighs the experience our child is having. It's important that parents and coaches are involved and informed, but we believe the role of us as adults should be one of positivity and support.

As a result of this philosophy, below are some areas that we feel are important to touch upon. Failure to comply with the areas will result in being asked to leave the facility, and in extreme cases, being banned from entering. Please see below:

1) Let the Coaches Coach:

There should only be one person/voice that coaches. If you are telling your son or daughter or any other player to do something - you are coaching. Even worse is if you are telling your son or daughter to do something that is different from what their coach is telling them. This creates confusion and distraction. Cheer for them, encourage them, but don't coach them.

2) Let the Kids Play:

Soccer is a difficult game. It's made even more difficult when parents are yelling instructions from the sidelines. Encourage them, cheer for them but do not go beyond this.

3) Positive Comments from the Sideline:

Make positive comments from the sidelines. You can often see a young player make an extra effort when they hear encouraging words.

4) Avoid Negative Comments About the Other Team:

We are all working with children. These young players aren't professionals. Speaking about the other team in a negative manner is unnecessary, our referees and coaches should handle any player controversy themselves.

5) Interaction with Parents from the Other Team:

Another team's parents are not the enemy, they want the best for their child just as you do. If there is a negative parent or group of parents we ask that you please tell one of our staff instead of engaging/confronting them.

6) Referees:

Like your child who will make mistakes during a game so will a referee. These referees are learning and improving. If you have a criticism for the referee please go to the league director or the facility supervisor instead of talking to them directly.

By participating in our league, you (and any guests you may bring) agree to abide by these expectations. Anybody who does not follow these expectations will be asked to leave and in extreme cases will be barred from coming back.