



Parents Role... a must read!

Take a couple of minutes to understand your role as a parent in our League!

- **Do not coach the team players**, including your own youngster, from the sidelines during the game.
- **Respect the judgment of the referee and do not criticize officials.** You may have belief that your opinions are (1) accurate, (2) incisive, and (3) worthy of communicating loudly so everyone else can hear them. However, that is wrong and the referees are not going to make any changes in response to your bellows from the sidelines. **We are making a valiant effort to have our players learn to respect authority. BE A ROLE MODEL!**
- **Believe** that soccer's primary value is to provide youth an opportunity for self-development.
- **Soccer games are full of mistakes and the team that makes fewer mistakes generally wins the game.** They are still our kids – not professionals! Even the pros make mistakes, but pros are paid to be able to take the criticism and know that it is aimed at their play rather than themselves as persons. Kids goof, Refs goof, and Coaches goof – let's deal with and learn from the mistakes. Comments directed to players especially to the other team need to be **POSITIVE!**
- **Communicate** with the coaches and create a positive, supportive working relation.
- **Understand** and respect the different roles of parents, coaches, and the Rec Commissioner. (You do not need to kneel in the presence of the Rec Commissioner; a curtsy or slight bow is all that is necessary.)
- **Control negative** emotions and think positively.
- **Avoid the use of criticism** – player development is rarely fostered by the criticism of the consequences from failure. Players that have fun continue to play. Keeping players interested in soccer is a great way to keep them busy.
- **Realize that this is still a game.** Even though each player's family has invested time and money in soccer, and are hoping that soccer will help pay the college bills, it is just a game. If your child does not enjoy it, they will not play well – and maybe not play at all. Ask yourself if what you do at games and practices helps your kid have fun and enjoy the game OR adds pressure and worry. **Forget the calls, forget the score and forget the standings. Give your kid a hug and tell them that you "LOVED WATCHING THEM PLAY," that they were amazing and you are proud of them!**
- **Help when asked.** The league is trying to provide the highest quality of soccer for your player. The coaches are volunteering to help your kid be a better player. I am helping by providing clinics and assisting coaches. The coach may ask you to help with team duties, please take this opportunity to give back!

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<https://www.facebook.com/PensacolaRecSoccer/>

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<https://www.gulfcoasttexans.com/page/show/1068438-recreational-soccer>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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