

ATHLETIC ROLES

PLAYER'S ROLE:

Play the game for fun
Be gracious when you win and graceful when you lose
Respect and abide by the rules of the game
Put the team ahead of yourself in any situation
Accept decisions made by those in authority
Demonstrate respect for your opponents, coaches and teammates
Be accountable for your own actions
Develop a teachable spirit that allows you to take correction as a compliment
Accept and embrace the discipline involved in athletics because it benefits the team
Develop a feeling of pride based upon "shared joy" of the team, and do not have pride that emanates from arrogance or a sense of entitlement.
Be an athlete of character

COACH'S ROLE:

Coach for the love of the game and the love of the athlete
Put the welfare of your athletes above winning
Abide by the judgment of the officials and accept the rules of the game as "mutual agreements" required to play within the spirit of the game
Reward effort and behavior and not outcome
Give dignity to mistakes made with full speed and attention
Lead with character and by example
Put the needs of the team ahead of any individual
Constantly work to improve your knowledge and ability to teach the game and the athletes
Be willing to confront incorrect behavior or less than all-out effort
Encourage multiple-sport participation
Keep the game simple and fun
Be willing to work with parents for the benefit of the individual athlete
Develop a positive-demanding coaching style

PARENT'S ROLE:

Attend as many games as possible
Be a model, not a critic; model appropriate behavior, poise and confidence
Attend preseason team meetings
Do everything possible to make the athletic experience positive for your child and others
View the game with team goals in mind
Attempt to relieve the competitive pressure, not increase it
Encourage multiple-sport participation
Release your child to the coach and the team
Look upon opponents as friends involved in the same experience
Accept the judgment of the officials and coaches; remain in control
Accept the results of each game; do not make excuses
Demonstrate winning and losing with dignity
Dignify mistakes made by athletes who are giving their best effort and concentration
Be an encourager – encourage athletes to keep their perspective in both victory and defeat
Be a good listener
Accept the goals, roles and achievements of your child