

Making (and keeping) the game fun for the kids. . .

Do not discuss the play of specific young players in front of other parents. How many times do you hear comments such as “I don’t know how that boy made this team....” or “she’s just not fast enough...” Too many parents act as though their child is a ‘star’, and the problem is someone else’s child. Negative comments and attitudes are hurtful and totally unnecessary and kill parent harmony, which is often essential to youth team success.

Discourage such toxic behavior by listening patiently to any negative comments that might be made, then address issues in a positive way. Speak to the positive qualities of a player, family or coach.

