

MEET WITH THE PARENTS - GIVE THEM A SET OF EXPECTATIONS:

1. Kids will be at practice on time and ready
2. Kids will be at all games
3. Games will not be used as punishment for the player—that's not teamwork. Ask the parents to use something else to take away if that is needed
4. Be supportive and do not talk negatively about other players; it sets up the wrong attitude for their own kids
5. Support the rules and regulations, and understand that referees are only human and make mistakes
6. Be tolerant of losses, pleased with wins, but remember that these are children who are learning the lessons of life. Coping with winning and losing is part of that
7. Wait to talk to players after a game. Find a time that suits the players' tempo, not necessarily the parents
8. Parents are the best cheerleaders for their kids. Find something to praise- children will work harder to please than to avoid punishment.