

Blueprints for the Successful CYC Parent

Children learn by observing. Parents must exhibit leadership, sportsmanship, and character if they expect their child to develop these highly desirable traits.

Support

- Be supportive of team managers and coaches. Respect decisions.
- Be an active supporter as a fan and as a parent solicit feedback of your child regarding their progress and how their team is developing.
- Be cognizant that all players will not possess the same skills.
- Display stewardship and assistance with your parish associations and the CYC athletic program.
- Do not burden your child to perform outside his/her capabilities. A child doing his/her best IS good enough.
- Respect the facilities where events are held and assist to make them better.
- Attend practices and contests when time permits. Every effort should be taken to see that your child is present in advance of the start of each game and practice.
- Celebrate individual as well as team improvements.

Responsibilities of the parent

- Make yourself aware of the coach's expectations, team guidelines and policies of the CYC Athletic program. Attend any team meetings your child 's coach may schedule
- Obtain and reference the CYC Constitution.
- Take the time to know your child's coach and assistants.
- Notify the coach as early as possible, if your child can not attend a team event.
- Know and respect the teams' practice and league schedule. Ensure your child is present and picked up accordingly.
- Read and respond to informational notices supplied by the team manager.
- Read and consent to all items required by the parental consent contract.
- Provide safe personal equipment.
- Know the rules of the game. Obtain and read the basic and supplemental rules of the sport. Attend any pre-season rule or coordination meetings offered for parents and players.

Behavior

- Before you attend a game or practice know that regardless of what happens you must have a calming influence and demonstrate adult behavior.
- Accept winning and losing in accordance with Christian ideals and principles. Emphasize leadership, sportsmanship, effort and character. Do not over emphasize winning or results.
- Respect all players, coaches, and officials at all times.
- Always encourage your team and players. Never jeer or ridicule your opponents or game officials.
- Make your child's experience a positive one through your adult behavior and support.
- Make the trips to and from games/practices a pleasant and positive experience.
- At the game keep all comments to players, coaches, fans, and officials positive. Any constructive criticism should be directed to your parish athletic association or district.
- Parents are responsible for the behavior of their family members and guests.
- Ensure that your child is having fun!

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