

# Tips for Parents

1. **Be Supportive of Coaches:** In front of your child and others be supportive of the coaches decisions. If you have a problem, it is best to speak directly with the coach.
2. **Teach Respect for Authority:** Show good sportsmanship by being positive. There will be times when you disagree with a coach or official, but always remember that these individuals are trying their best and are trying to be fair.
3. **Let the Coach do the Coaching:** But you can do some of the Teaching. When your child is on the court or field, try and let the coach do the coaching. You can teach them how to deal with success and failure. Develop their character and teach them life skills that activities bring to the forefront.
4. **Help your Children Learn through Failure:** The way your child handles failure can help them to face the certain failures life will throw them in the future. Let your child learn to cope in their own way.
5. **Listen to your Child:** Always support and listen to your child, but remember to stay rational until you have investigated the situation.
6. **Be Mindful of your Role as a Role Model:** Take a good and honest look at your actions in the athletic arena.
7. **Show Unconditional Love:** The most important thing is to show your child you love them, win or lose.

## Game is a Privilege

*The more honor and respect among the players, the greater the team.*

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The Game is a privilege for everyone. It is not appropriate for anyone associated with a junior high game to use profanity or inappropriate language. Everyone attending or participating in any game has a responsibility to demonstrate good behavior.

### Please remember that:

1. Players and coaches are not permitted to use inappropriate language at any time.
2. No one in attendance is permitted to use profanity at an opponent or game official.
3. Being angry at oneself is not an excuse to use profanity. Find another way to let off steam.
4. Chants and cheers that include profanity are unacceptable and those who use it will be asked to leave the facility.
5. Inappropriate comments to players or coaches is not acceptable.

**Show good sportsmanship and remember the goal of the game is to have fun.**

*"In sport, part of the game is accepting the umpire's call, no matter how hard that might be. Sometimes the calls go your way, and sometimes they don't."*

- Dr. Dot Richardson  
Two-time Olympic Gold Medal  
winner in softball

# Good Sport Reports

Good Sportsmanship is one of the primary purpose of junior high interscholastic activities. All participants in the IESA are responsible for promoting, teaching, enforcing and recognizing the highest standards of sportsmanship.

As part of the recognizing step of this responsibility, the IESA encourages officials and administrators to submit 'Good Sport Reports' to the IESA office when they witness good behavior by students, teams, coaches and fans. These outstanding reports of good sportsmanship are then posted on the IESA website on the Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders web page.

The report forms can be found on the iesa website page for *Today's Youth and Tomorrow's Leaders*.

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