

WHAT KIDS WISH PARENTS KNEW

- Be respectful to other students
- Don't cause stress
- Don't be a nuisance
- Yelling at the refs doesn't help
- See it from other people's point of view
- Control your anger
- Refs are human, too, they will make mistakes.
- Athletes make mistakes, and that's when sportsmanship is most important
- Anyone can show Sportsmanship
- Parents need to have sportsmanship too
- everyone involved loves the game and should be treated with equal respect
- A bad call is not that important
- kind words go a long way/supporting others
- Sportsmanship can be supporting your teammates while also showing support to opponents.
- Sportsmanship is respecting teammates, opponents, refs, and spectators.
- Sportsmanship can make people feel proud about their sports accomplishments when others respect them.
- Dwelling on bad calls doesn't help the team
- Positive words go a long way
- Don't yell at refs
- sports are supposed to be fun/too much pressure
- the other team isn't our enemy/ might be friends from another school
- being negative in the stands influences how the coach and players react
- Loud doesn't make it right
- Refs can't see everything
- Stay positive through the bad and good
- They need to not yell at their children (not yelling at refs as well)
- Only celebrate the good - don't focus as much on the bad.
- Showing up helps motivate their athletes!
- It's just a game
- Yelling is not needed
- Respect the coaches and refs.
- it's just a game
- yelling is not needed
- respect coaches and refs
- It may take 3 seconds to say, but it'll stay with the ref the whole game.
- refs are doing their best
- coaches do their best to play anyone
- students always try their best, and there is no need to get mad at them if they don't play well
- All players should respect each other from both teams
- During a match, everyone, including coaches, spectators, and refs should respect each other.
- Officials should be respected no matter how the game plays out
- Refs are human and make mistakes.
- Don't yell at refs
- Let the coaches coach
- Don't talk bad about teammates
- Yelling at refs makes things worse
- Respect other players
- Cheer on your team don't yell at the other
- failures happen as a team, not as a single individual.
- you can't blame coaches and refs for everything.
- sports are supposed to build family, not hate.
- Showing up is enough
- A quiet parent is better than nobody
- The outcome doesn't matter
- The refs are not perfect
- Do not have to yell at coaches
- Not their place to coach
- It's all about having fun for us, and parents take it too seriously.
- Being respectful to the officials actually makes them better, and yelling at them won't help.
- Rials up the kids in a negative way.
- Understand the rules
- Yelling doesn't change the outcome
- We aren't friends when playing the game
- I wish my parents knew that it's just a game, the refs will never change a call, and it's just one game.
- Refs are doing their best
- Let the coaches coach
- Everyone's trying their best
- Learn the rules of the game
- Understand your kids are having fun

- Don't focus on the bad things but the good
 - Respect
 - No trash talking
 - Never argue with officials
 - Don't yell at the officials
 - Officials make mistakes too, handle it calmly
 - Don't yell at the other kids
 - The referees are doing their best
 - The players are doing their best as well
 - Don't yell mean things to the other team
 - Let the Referees ref - you can't do anything to help
 - It's not always about winning
 - Bad games can happen screaming won't help
 - Let the coaches coach
 - Refs are doing their best
 - Players are doing their best
 - Yelling doesn't help
 - it's easy to do with people you know
 - It doesn't happen as often as one would think.
 - To be respectful, accountable, and composed
 - the refs hearing you will NOT change their mind
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- Getting verbally upset mid-game will not change the outcome and will have a negative impact on the child
 - yelling is embarrassing
 - To know when it's ok to "yell" and when not to
 - to know that the game is for fun, not always to be the best
 - Know that win or lose, your child tried their best
 - Being respectful whether you're up or down.
 - Don't yell at officials.
 - The rules
 - It's not easy
 - Yelling at the refs doesn't help
 - Respect all the calls
 - Respect the coaches and their decisions
 - Don't complain about what happens unless it is actually bad
 - To be under control
 - Don't make a scene, it would embarrass for player
 - Be the bigger person, do not act childish
 - What's taking it too far in terms of showing off or showboating
 - Respecting Coaches and officials
 - Not being too involved (it's just a game)
 - Yelling is not always constructive.
 - Failure is just as common as success.
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- even if athletes don't perform, we still put the work in at practice and on our own time.
 - respect
 - kindness
 - patience
 - We want our parents to know that it is not helpful to yell and scream at us or the officials when we are playing.
 - Not every game is the Olympics
 - Doing too much distracts from the game
 - You're there to watch, not coach
 - Being competitive isn't always a bad thing
 - we are just kids
 - it's just a game
 - don't yell at officials, they are just trying to do their Job
 - Yelling is not always constructive
 - failure is just as common as success.
 - even if we don't perform we still put all the work in at practice and on our time.
 - don't chirp at the refs, there are different points of view
 - talking bad about the other team in front of their parents
 - Not taking out anger on the refs
 - The parents should be there to be supportive, not angry
 - Don't get angry with what's best for the team
- Sent from my iPhone
- They need to know the rules
 - Knowing that refs can't change the rules
 - Let the coaches coach
 - Playing in the game is different than watching on the sidelines.
 - We want to win and compete as much as you want us to.
 - Understand coaches want the best for us.
 - Not yelling at refs
 - Don't try to coach kids from the sideline
 - Cheer for the team but be respectful to both teams
 - It's just one high school game
 - it doesn't help to insult others
 - playing badly affects me, too, there is no need to make me feel worse about it
 - don't talk down on other team's players
 - don't yell at other parents/refs
 - mistakes happen
 - Don't yell at refs during or after games
 - Don't yell at coaches or players during games

- And don't throw objects onto the field.
- let the kids play, don't get too involved
- respect the refs
- be accepting and understanding
- Even when things don't go the way you want, you shouldn't get mad at the other kids involved.
- It is just a game.
- It's a team effort, no matter what.
- Parents aren't the ones playing and should teach their kids to be respectful.
- Parents should represent their children well and set examples for them.
- Even when their kid loses, they should teach them how to be a good loser.
- Not everything is about winning.
- Stay humble when you do win.
- It's okay to mess up
- You don't always have to be perfect
- not everything will go your kids way
- be your kids best cheerleader
- sports are meant to be fun
- Stay respectful when people and / or refs make mistakes
- Don't talk down on the other team
- Keep yelling to a minimum
- Yelling is not going to change the outcome
- Sometimes it is not that big of a deal
- you give respect you get it back
- it's all a mental thing
- it's a team effort with sportsmanship, not just one person
- refs/umps are human too
- we are all just kids
- the sport is meant to be played for fun
- It's contagious
- it should be always be shown or expressed
- everyone loves a player with sportsmanship
- it's about the kids
- it's just a game
- your kid may not be as good as you think. Not everyone is the star player.
- Officials can't see everything
- Not every move from the other team is intentional
- Be respectful to other people like you want your kids to be
- don't yell at refs
- you're not a coach
- don't be rude
- it can be hard, especially when against a major rival
- Don't yell at the refs.
- Parents should want what's best for their team, not just their child.
- Encourage their team, and don't discourage the other team.
- Sometimes it's just about having fun.
- Let the coaches do what they want to do.
- Do not always assume that the refs are wrong.
- It's not always about winning
- It's not always the ref's fault
- Parent's actions reflect on the school and kids/athletes
- Students wish their parents knew that sportsmanship is not as easy as it appears, it can be difficult to be positive, especially when others do not perform as we wish.
- The point is to have fun.
- It's about the kids.
- It's just a game
- Sometimes staying quiet is best
- The other team is there to win, too
- The official is just doing their job, and nobody is perfect
- You shouldn't yell at the kids' coaches if something's not going right with YOUR kid
- Support the whole team, not favorited individuals
- Keep your voices and comments to a minimum
- Complaining to the officials isn't going to help anything
- Even our opponents deserve our respect
- Let the coaches do their job, and don't get in the way.
- Parents need to stop being mean to other teams
- Let refs make calls, and don't yell at them
- Parents should think before they yell things
- It's not always about the parents
- they need to respect the official no matter the call
- yelling won't control the outcome of the game.
- Show respect towards your team and opponents
- Officials/Players will make mistakes, and that's okay
- Show respect
- Don't yell at officials
- No ones perfect
- Don't yell at coaches
- Officials won't change their call because you yell at them.
- We play because it's fun.

- When you yell, it makes us more angry than the call.
 - It's not all about winning
 - Be loud when things are going well
 - Don't have a negative reaction when things are not going well
 - Not to yell to refs
 - Not to yell at other parents
 - show better sportsmanship by showing a better mindset.
 - They (parents) aren't always right
 - some people are playing just for fun
 - refs and players make mistakes too
 - Parents yelling at a ref has never changed a call
 - Parents yelling at players can affect how they play
 - Parents yelling has a negative effect on other team's perception of the school
 - understand the coach's game plan
 - it isn't always about winning
 - the refs sometimes make mistakes
 - Refs don't care about your opinion
 - You're not a coach
 - Positivity works better than negativity
 - Not everybody is out to get your child
 - Screaming at the ref is not a solution
 - Act how you want your kids to act
 - people are too focused on the game and forget that everyone is a person
 - hard to be kind when it's not reciprocated
 - respect what officials think even if you don't agree
 - Yelling at the refs is not going to help our team.
 - Be there to enjoy watching your kid play.
 - Embarrassing to us when you yell at coaches or officials
 - Parents yelling isn't going to change the call or decision a coach made
 - Not everyone has the same athletic abilities, so Joe may not be able to do everything John does
 - The game is still supposed to be fun first.
 - Yelling at the refs doesn't change the call/outcome
 - Parents are not the coach, let him do his job
 - Cheer for your team, not against the other team.
 - let the refs do their job
 - be respectful towards both teams
 - don't single a kid out
 - Respect officials
 - Not yelling at other parents
 - Not yelling at/criticizing their own team
 - Respectful tone (not yelling)
- Let coaches do their jobs
 - Trust the process