

• Spectators Code of Conduct •

Before the Game:

- 1. Make a commitment to Honor the Game in action and language no matter what others may do.**
- 2. Tell your child before each game that you are proud of him or her regardless of how well he or she plays.**

During the Game:

- 1. Fill your children's "Emotional Tank" through praise and positive recognition so they can play their best.**
- 2. Don't give instructions to your child during the game. Let the coach correct player mistakes.**
- 3. Cheer good plays by both teams. (This is advanced behavior!)**
- 4. Mention good calls by the officials to other parents.**
- 5. If an official makes a "bad¹¹ call against your team? Honor the Game. BE SILENT.**
- 6. If another parent on your team yells at an official? Gently remind him or her to Honor the Game.**
- 7. Don't do anything in the heat of the moment that you will regret after the game.
Ask yourself, "Will this embarrass my child or the team?"**
- 8. Remember to have fun! Enjoy the game.**

After the Game:

- 1. Thank the officials for doing a difficult job for little or no pay.**
- 2. Thank the coaches for their commitment and effort.**
- 3. Don't give advice. Instead ask your child what he or she thought about the game and then LISTEN. Listening fills Emotional Tanks.**
- 4. Tell your child again that you are proud of him or her, whether the team won or lost**