

# BLUEPRINTS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CYC PARENT

(Coaches are encouraged to copy and distribute this page to all parents.)

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 practices.
- 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 and 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 and pre-season rule or coordination meetings for parents and players.

## Behavior

- Before you attend a game or practice now 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 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 the 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!

# HAVE FUN