

RCYSL CHALLENGE EXPECTATIONS of the Parents

1. **Support the Entire Team:** Don't just cheer and yell positive remarks to your child... cheer for all of them. They are a team and you are an important part of fostering teamwork.
2. **Monitor your child:** Children now days are over scheduled and many of those involved in athletics are many times over exerted athletically. Please be sure that your child is not stretched too thin, is eating properly and getting plenty of rest. Please make sure to put family and education above soccer.
3. **Be a positive role model:** Every parent wants or thinks his/her child to be one of the best players on the field and can sometimes be quite harsh when expectations are not met. You can help your child the most by being positive and pointing out the things they are doing right...not the things you believe they are doing wrong. Motivate your child with positive reinforcement.
4. **Be a good sport:** Please do not belittle or dispute the referee, or other parents. Referees do not always make the right calls, but any comments from you will not Result in them overturning their call. Also, by arguing or fussing over a "bad" call, you are setting a negative example to the children and other parents. Be a positive role model on the sidelines, be supportive of everyone, and have fun.
5. **Open communication:** If a concern or problem develops, please contact us as soon as possible so we can resolve it. We encourage open communication and foster an "open door" policy for all discussion regarding your child. Also we encourage that our conversations take place in the absence of any other players or parents.
6. **Let the Coach coach:** This one is hard for all of us, but please try not to coach/yell from the sidelines. It can be very confusing and distracting. It is important for the players to learn to think for themselves while on the field during the game. They learn what to do and what not to do from practice and then apply it in the game with their own cognitive processes. Think of practice as studying for an exam and the actual game as the exam. Soccer is a game of learning, making mistakes, and then learning from those mistakes. Just be supportive. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our coaching or style of play, please do not hesitate to discuss it with us.

Thank you,

The Challenge Coaching Staff