



Making the Game More Fun

PARENTS: What can parents do to make the game of soccer more enjoyable for their children.. and other people's kids, too?

- 1.Be knowledgeable of the game.
- 2.Encourage fair play at home.
- 3.Be supportive; ie. be sure the player attends practices; pick him/her up on time.
- 4.Attend games.
- 5.Be positive or quiet at games.
- 6.Be respectful; expect your own children to be respectful.
- 7.Focus on good nutrition.
- 8.Volunteer to help the coach.
- 9.Become a referee.
- 10.Play the game of soccer.
- 11.Be calm and have good manners.
- 12.Support the coach's and referee's decisions.
- 13.Encourage communication between coach and parent.
- 14.Ask your own children to describe his/her role, what new skills have been learned.
- 15.Watch practices; focus on new strategies
- 16.Find soccer videos, watch them with children.
- 17.Concentrate on praising other people's children during games.
- 18.Read newspaper articles about older soccer player's successes; provide models for your own children.

Soccer ... the game for kids!

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