

MEETING THE PARENTS

All coaches should take time to meet briefly with the players parents. This meeting should take place after at least one practice.

Important things to remember:

- Prepare information ahead of time
- Use “we” language when talking about the players and team
(We are all responsible for making this season a success for the children. We need to make sure that the children have the proper equipment etc)
- Your expectations of the players (sportsmanship, commitment, **fun**)
- Your expectation of parental behavior
 1. Communication with you
 2. Behavior for yourself and for them on the sidelines
 3. Clarify their role to the team(schedules/locations, equipment, transportation, snacks, positive support)
- Your philosophy
- Share your personal coaching goals for the season
- Share your team goals with the parents
- Outline communication process and boundaries
- Discuss playing time philosophy
- Share basic guidelines (e.g. coming late, missed practices, poor sportsmanship, picking players up on time,)
- Decide together how inappropriate behavior on the sidelines will be addressed.
- Ask for volunteers if needed.