



softball

GO TEAM!!

Dear Parents and Coaches,

As a parent you are providing your child with an opportunity to develop lifelong skills through this program. Participation will help your child develop patience and persistence; will provide healthy exercise; and will teach them respect teamwork, and dealing with winning and losing. Give your child the opportunity to meet their future best friend, and let them feel the satisfaction of doing their best. The sport environment affects the type of person your child will be, especially when your child is young. Please try to remember this checklist for parents in sports:

1. Maintain a "Fun is #1" attitude.
2. Treat others as you wish to be treated.
3. Praise athletes for just participating regardless of their athletic skills.
4. Look for positives in athletes; avoid ridicule or sarcasm.
5. Remain calm when mistakes are made, and help athletes learn from mistakes.
6. Help athletes from getting down on themselves when things don't go well.
7. Don't be obsessed with your involvement in sports. There is life after sports.
8. Maintain a sense of humor.
9. Emphasize teamwork in team sports; teach them to think "we" instead of "me".
10. In victory be humble, in defeat be brave, in all things be fair.

As always, we depend on you, the parents, for your support and help in making this program a positive experience for all of the children. Parents are an essential part of any successful youth sports program. How you support our young athletes and interact with other adults greatly influences everyone's enjoyment.

Finally, please remember the coaches are volunteers, and the members of the CLNYAA are all volunteers. The officials are human and we don't use instant replay. We need your help to accept this and go on with the game. This is one of the most beneficial lessons you can teach your child. If every team has all good sports, you can imagine what a great season we will have. Have a great season and we wish you and your child the best.

Sincerely,

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