



Parent Manifesto

Adapted from the Matheny Manifesto

- **The coach is always right, even when he/she is wrong.**
Coaches will make mistakes. They are human. They are volunteers. They will do their very best to coach well. Give them the benefit of the doubt. Model respect for authority to your children by not speaking negatively about their coach.
- **The referee is always right, even when he/she is wrong.**
Referees will make mistakes. They are human. They are paid very minimal. They will do their best to ref well. Give them the benefit of the doubt. Model respect for authority to your children by not yelling at the refs during games.
- **Refrain from coaching from the sidelines.**
Your job is to parent. Period. Your child will have many coaches in their lifetime. They will only have one mom or dad. Be their encourager and cheerleader. Be their biggest fan, but leave the coaching to their coaches.
- **Playing time is not guaranteed.**
As kids get older, the competition gets harder. Coaches will need to coach strategically. They will do their best to balance developing each athlete to his/her fullest potential, while striving to win games, meets, events, etc.
This is hard. If you have complaints about your child's playing time or role on the team, please read the first bullet point again.
- **Have fun!**
Sports are supposed to be fun! Don't take the sport too seriously. Few, if any, of our kids will make it to the pros. Relax. In the blink of an eye, their school sporting days will be over. Enjoy them while they last!