PARENT’S ROLE

• Attend as many games as possible
• Be a model, not a critic; model appropriate behavior, poise, and confidence
• Attend preseason team meetings
• Do everything possible to make the athletic experience positive for your child and others
• View the game with team goals in mind
• Attempt to relieve competitive pressure, not increase it
• Encourage multiple-sport participation
• Release your children to the coach and the team
• Look upon opponents as friends involved in the same experience
• Accept the judgment of the officials and coaches; remain in control
• Accept the results of each game; do not make excuses
• Demonstrate winning and losing with dignity
• Dignify mistakes made by athletes who are giving their best effort and concentration
• Be an encourager- encourage athletes to keep their perspective in both victory and defeat
• Be a good listener
• Accept the goals, roles, and achievements of your child

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