

# A Player's Message To Parents

***Thanks for coming to support our team today; I want you to remember a few things that will help with our performance:***

- I play the game because it's fun, I want to Learn and Improve. You can help all the players, and I by encouraging us.
- You are here representing our family and I; please don't embarrass me by being negative, by shouting or swearing.
- Praise me for trying a skill, good discipline, sportsmanship and my effort. These are the things that make me a real winner.
- Don't criticise my mistakes or talk about me on the sideline, I will be scared to try things again. Mistakes are what make me better, I will learn from them.
- Please don't stand too close to the pitch, as this will distract the players and I from concentrating on the things we should be doing during the game.
- Please respect the referee, don't question the decisions. They may not always get it right, like us they are trying.
- Sometimes, there are no referees, please don't question any decisions. Our Coaches will help, if we need it.
- Please don't coach me from the side or walk up and down the line. My coach is here to help, if we need it.
- You don't shout over my teacher in school, so please don't shout over my coach. He/she has given us a set of instructions to follow.
- Please do not challenge any spectators who behave in the wrong way. Just tell them that we don't allow negative behaviour like that here.
- Doing my best and learning how to play is an important part of my development. We all (the kids) want to win but having fun is much more important to us.
- There are no scores recorded and even when they are, don't ask me about the result. Ask me, 'how I played and if I had fun'.

