

A letter of Football Academy players to the parents

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The parents of young football players are an inseparable element in the football training of children and teenagers, apart from the coaches. If you want to think about a correct process of education and developing passion in your child, you should understand your crucial role. It is the parents of the pupils of the Football Academy who should encourage, inspire and support their children to engage in physical activities and participation in football trainings. Just as the players aim at achieving mastery of their sports, each one of you should be motivated to be a partner and an assistant to your child on the long and winding road of football development.

A letter of the Football Academy players addressed to the parents may be found below:

Dear Parents,

thank you very much for coming to our next match/tournament. We are glad that you are here and that you support us in following our dreams. We would like you to remember about several important principles thanks to which you will help us in playing.

- We play football because it is great fun. We want to learn and to improve our skills. You may help us by encouraging us to do so.
- You are people representing our family. Please, do not embarrass us in front of other players and parents, by commenting negatively on our playing, shouting or swearing.
- Praise us for attempts to develop our passions, skills, for our sports discipline and our efforts. These are things thanks to which we may become real winners.
- Do not criticize our mistakes and do not comment on our playing from behind the sideline. This may only make us anxious to undertake subsequent attempts or make our own decisions. The mistakes we make teach us to be better and more confident players.

- Please, do not stand too close to the pitch because it only distracts us during the game.
- Please, respect the referee and do not undermine his decisions. We know he is not always right but we need to learn how to cope with such situations.
- Please, do not prompt us from behind the sideline what to do and how to play. We have our coach to do this and he knows when and how to help us.
- You do not shout and do not comment on the work on our teachers at school so please do not do this with our coaches. They are our role models and authorities to follow.
- Do not comment on the behavior of the supporters of other teams. Ignore it.
- Football games are an important part of the development of our football skills. We all want to win but please understand that we treat football as fun.
- The result is not the most important thing. We would rather you asked us how we liked the game and whether we are satisfied, than about the final result of the game or the place we had in the tournament.

Players of the Football Academy.



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