



## Expectations

### YDL Parents and Players

- Encourage your child at all times. BE POSITIVE
- Please do not coach your child from the sidelines.
  - Soccer is a hard enough sport for these young children to grasp. There is a tremendous amount of information there are trying to process while they are on the field, in addition to the information their coaches are giving them. Although your intentions are good, yelling instruction to them from the sideline only makes them more confused. In addition your instruction may even contradict what the coaches are trying to teach in that particular situation or practice.
- The ultimate goal for this season - DO THEY WANT TO COME
  - The skills will come. This will not look like soccer for some time - They will run around in a herd, refuse to pass... and that's OK. If we get them to want to come back each week and the following season than we have done our job and everyone wins.
- DO NOT KEEP SCORE
  - This is something we take very seriously in this league. If you hear your child referencing "the score", please remind them that "it does not matter - we do not keep score". It is all about learning the game and having fun doing it.
- Help keep your child with the team on the sideline at all times when they are not in the game. Your child should have their water bottle with them on the sideline so there shouldn't be any reason why they shouldn't be sitting, cheering on their teammates.
- Please be sure your child brings their shin guards and water bottle each week.
- For those of you that are new to the league the format is a 45min practice followed by a 45min game.
- Remember... HAVE A GOOD TIME! If your child sees you having fun at the field, they will be more likely to have fun as well.