



NEUSPORT
FOOTBALL CLUB



Neusport Football Club: Parent Sideline Behavior

At Neusport Football Club, the image that we present on the sideline is very important to us. Other players, parents and referees very often judge us by how we behave on the sideline. We feel we have some of the most respectful, well-behaved parents in the State and we would like this to continue. Below is a list of reminders regarding sideline behavior on game day. The ultimate benefactors are of course the many young male and female athletes who play for Neusport FC.

- Let the coaches coach. If you are telling your son or daughter – or any other player for that matter – to do something different from what the coach is telling them, you create distraction and confusion. Your role on game day is as a cheerleader and provider of food and drinks.
- Make positive comments from the sideline. The coach will give instructions, either during the game or at halftime and during practices. You will see our players make that extra effort when they hear encouraging words from the sideline about their effort and commitment.
- Absolutely no negative comments about the other team, the other team's players and the other coach. Parents on the 'other' team are not the enemy, neither are the boys or girls on the other team. Negative comments about other young players are classless.
- We will be playing these teams for many years to come. We want to be known as an organization that has class whether we win, lose or draw. The game score will not be remembered. Any arguments or inappropriate comments will be.
- Under no circumstances shout anything negative to the referee either during or after the game. The coach is the only person that should communicate with the ref, which is part of the coach's job. Calls will be missed and the outcome of a game can be directly affected by a bad call. The vast majority of referees are putting forward an honest unbiased effort and must be respected.
- Outbursts from parents on the sideline made toward the referees only signal to our own players on the field that they can blame the refs for anything that goes wrong. Blaming others is not a formula for success in sports.
- Yelling out sarcastic comments such as "Good call, ref" or "Thanks, ref" will only serve to alienate an official and are inappropriate.
- Absolutely do not "bribe" or attempt to pump up your child. Allow them to become self-motivated. Do not add pressure or stress to the players on the way to or going home from a game.
- Walking up and down all game along the sidelines, following the play is unnerving to players and totally unnecessary. Pick a spot and stay there for the duration of the game.
- Do not discuss the play of specific players in front of other parents. Negative comments and attitudes are hurtful, totally unnecessary and kill parent harmony, which is essential to the success of our teams. Speak about the positive qualities of a player, family or coach.

If there is an issue that arises out of a game or training session, you must wait at least 24 hours before you talk, email, text or communicate with the coach. No exceptions whatsoever.

If in the event that a parent does not follow any of the above rules, the coach and club will not hesitate to discipline parents.

Additionally, playing time may be affected until the behavior is corrected.