



FUNFIRST: 8 SIMPLE RULES

What We Expect from Parents

1. All parents should understand and support our program's **FunFirst** philosophy. The **FunFirst** philosophy is to give our children the opportunity to **enjoy** soccer. **FunFirst** lays a solid foundation for player development. The more time children spend playing, the better they will become. The better a child becomes, the more willing he or she will be to further hone their skills, eventually practicing finer points in order to be better, in order to enjoy the game more and have more fun. This cycle is very effective; ultimately the success of the cycle depends on **fun**.

*Studies have shown that if a sport is **fun** for a child, the child will want to play more frequently.*
2. Get your child to practices and games on time and pick them up promptly. This shows your child that they are important and shows respect for your child's coach and teammates.
3. Let the coach do all the coaching during the game. Please do not yell instructions to your child. Yelling instructions is distracting, and disrupts the **fun** and learning that takes place during games.
4. Be **supportive** when your child makes errors and mistakes. Sports experts agree: **making mistakes** is a key part of the learning process. Learning does not take place if mistakes are feared or punished! Helping your child manage mistakes effectively builds self-esteem and a healthy view of sports.

"I love watching you play!"
5. Be your child's **best example** of good sportsmanship at all times. What your child sees you do sets one of the most important examples. Respect your coach, respect your child's team, respect the opponent's team, respect referees, respect other parents, and respect league officials. This includes making **positive** comments about your child's coach, other players, other parents, and other teams in your child's presence.

See our **Game Day Respect** policy, at www.mrysl.net
6. Do not talk to the coach during games and practices. Their focus needs to be on your child and the other players. Feel free to approach them **before** or **after** these activities.
7. If you have a problem or complaint: please speak with your coach directly. If your problem is still unresolved, please contact the program coordinator, the program committee, or our Board of Directors. Please visit our website for information on complaints (www.mrysl.net)
8. Put **FunFirst** for you, your child, and those around you!

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