

WELCOME TO GEVA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL HELP US HELP YOU ENJOY THE DAY

HOW TO BEHAVE

10 BASIC RULES FOR PARENTS AND FANS

1. These tournaments are days that are supposed to be fun. They are days when players can show off what they have been practicing. They know they are competing, they know it is important. Win or lose, the players should feel nothing but support from ALL of the fans. The coach will point out the good and the not so good that is their role. You are here to support.
2. When you see a call you don't agree with, don't get upset with the person that made the call, let it go. Volleyball players should be playing the next play, not the one that already past. Eventually, as we all know, a call will be made in our favor.
3. Remember that it is someone's child that is making the calls. Try to embrace every child playing or making the calls as your own.
4. Encourage all players, not just the ones on your team. When you see a nice serve, a spike, or dig, clap for the person that made the play. And if you see them later in the day tell them it was a nice play.
5. Allow for mistakes. Virtually every point in this game is earned on someone else's mistake. They know what they did wrong. If not, their coach will help them. They don't need you to remind them. Instead, encourage them to learn from the mistake and move on.
6. The players are under enough stress, they really don't need the added stress of their parents making a fool of themselves.
7. None of these children woke up this morning and thought "I'm going to make bad calls today", or "I think I'll play poorly today". Children have a natural want to do well and to please. No need to make them feel any worse when a play or a call is not perfect.
8. If a particular parent is really having an off day, talk to them, buy them a Decaf, and gently remind them why you are here. Maybe it will rub off on them.
9. You are here to watch an event, not critique it. That's what the Ref's are getting the big bucks for. We do welcome constructive input, when it is offered quietly with an alternative.
10. And Finally: Remember that this is a sporting event which will teach your children how to deal with adulation and disappointment as well as fair and unfair situations in life. Everyone has a job. Coaches coach, Players play, Ref's ref, Lines Judges judge lines, Down Ref's down ref, Score Keepers keep score, Libero Trackers track liberos, ***Moms comfort and Dads know their pride and joys can do no wrong...***

**THEY WILL BE IN COLLEGE SOON ENOUGH
CELEBRATE THEIR GLORIOUS YOUTH
MAKE THE BEST OF TODAY**

Adapted from a note by a Creole Big Apple Parent and Coach GEVA Education and Development

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Please don't let it end up on the floor.