

When you do this...

Your child feels...

Try this instead...

Criticize the umpire or coaches



Uncomfortable



Keep the comments positive. Remember that in many cases these are volunteers.

Yell at your child



Humiliated



Cheer for your child. It's a great way to show support without having your child feel singled out.

Say negative things about players



Embarrassed

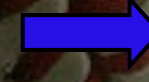


Keep in mind that children model behavior they see. Make sure your comments are positive.

Have negative interactions with other parents

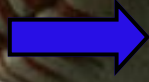


Nervous

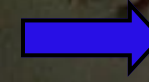


This can cause tension among teammates. Avoid conflict in the stands and stay positive

Focus only on winning



Pressured



Tell them before and after the game that you are proud of them. And remember... it's only a game.



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Youth Launch Leaders empowers adults to create healthy, nurturing and supportive environments for youth in Southern Iowa by providing leader education to inspire positive youth development.

Youth Launch Leaders provides training opportunities and support to adult leaders of youth activities in southern Iowa, in the areas of child/adolescent growth and development. Through the framework of the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets and Developmental Relationships, as well as instruction on developmental stages, leaders are empowered with tools needed for inspiring positive youth development.

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