

Lake Pointe Sports Weekly Devotional

Week 1

Coach, this is your opportunity to discuss what Lake Pointe Sports expects from you, the players, and the players' parents. You can also set your rules/expectations for your players. Start by telling this funny story to your players and their parents.

Warm Up

A mother was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her son. Suddenly the boy bursts into the kitchen and starts to loudly "help" his mom.

"Careful! Careful! Put in some more butter! Oh my goodness! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY!

Turn them! TURN THEM NOW!

We need more butter. Oh my! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK!

Careful! CAREFUL! I said CAREFUL!

You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you crazy? Have you lost your mind?

Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The mother stared at him. "What's wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The son calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm trying to play soccer."

Goal

Hopefully none of us have been guilty of "helping" our kids too much from the sideline like that. In Lake Pointe Sports, we want to provide an opportunity for each player to play their sport in a positive environment. My purpose as a coach is to

1. Share the love of Christ with each player.
2. Help players grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.
3. Provide a positive atmosphere to instill the fundamentals of the sport.

We also have expectation from you as players and parents.

Expectations from Players

1. Listen when Coaches are talking
2. Respect coaches, teammates, referees, and other team
3. Be on time for practices and games.
4. Let Coach know if you are unable to make a practice or a game.
5. Have lots of fun!

Expectations from Parents

1. Support the purpose of Lake Pointe Sports to provide a positive atmosphere for all players.
2. Encourage players when cheering during games.
3. Let coaches deal with game issues. Game officials should not be addressed for any reason except to encourage and/or affirm them.

Extra Point

Coach, here are some ideas on getting to know your players and taking care of team business.

Get to know players

1. Ask each player to give their name, school, years they have played the sport, and favorite cartoon character. (or favorite video game, or favorite ice cream, or favorite candy, or... you get the idea.)
2. When they are done, call each player by name. If you can, do it without reading your roster!

Team Business

1. Ask for parents to help you during games and practices
2. Solicit team parent to manage snack schedule
3. Make sure parents have your contact information and verify their information.
4. Make sure parents know how you will communicate with them.

Prayer

Close in prayer, asking God to help your team grow together spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.