

Guidelines for Gateway Parents

The following are recommendations from the Gateway Region. These suggestions are offered in the spirit of responsibility and good sportsmanship. Failure to follow these recommendations may result in sanctions for your child's team or possible expulsion from a tournament site.

- Be responsible for the supervision of non-playing children. Please do not allow your children to run around facilities unsupervised.
- Facilities are to be kept clean. Please pick up your newspapers and trash.
- Be a good sport and teach your children to be respectful of their teammates and opponents.
- Be patient and respectful of officials. The players and the adults are trying to do their best. If you don't like the job they are doing, get some training and be an official. If not keep your opinions to yourself.
- Don't speak badly about players on your child's team or their opponents.
- Upon request, parents will be permitted to observe tryouts provided they are not disruptive or pose a safety hazard to players or coaches.
- Support and understand the Region's policies.
- Make your child aware of the Region's policies.
- Do not recruit or otherwise try to persuade another player to play for a team or club.
- Your child is not required to commit until the Monday after tryouts at 7pm. Do not complete paperwork or make any monetary commitments before that time. If your child knows that they want to play for a particular team they may tell the coach before that time. Please be sure to your child honors that commitment.
- Know the club's policy if there are more than one team in an age level.
- **Read** all materials you are required to sign.
- Do not allow coaches to contact your child excessively.
- Understand the policies of the club once you have committed.