



## **Tips for Parents:**

### **Questions to Ask Your Child's Coach**

Start a dialogue with your child's coach before the season starts to help ensure a supportive, positive experience.

1. How did you get involved with coaching?
2. How long have you been coaching?
3. Do you coach other sports?
4. Do you coach multiple genders and ages?
5. Did you play this sport as a youth?
6. Do you have a child on this team?
7. What are your goals for the team?
8. Do you encourage participation in more than one sport?
9. What coaching education courses have you taken and/or what are your coaching certifications?
10. What kind of training do you have in physical safety (e.g., training/over-training, nutrition and hydration or concussions)?
11. What kind of training have you taken concerning positive coaching techniques?
12. What is your policy concerning bullying, harassment and hazing and how do you communicate your expectations about how athletes treat one another?
13. Have you taken training to help you recognize, reduce and respond to misconduct in sport, including child sexual abuse?
14. How do you handle suspicions or allegations of misconduct, including child sexual abuse?
15. What is your policy for reporting policy violations, misconduct and suspicions and allegations of child sexual abuse?
16. Why did you leave the last club where you coached?