

# Players' Forum

Ask your children

1. Do you know the AYSO philosophies?
2. Should all children be allowed to play soccer even if they are not that good?
3. How do you feel about **EVERYONE PLAYS** at least half of every game?
  - a. What about when your teammates do not come to practice and only show up at games?
  - b. What if they are the best players on your team?
4. What does "positive coaching" mean to you?
5. How do you feel about a coach who is not positive?
6. How do you feel about coaches who coach from the touchline (sideline)?
7. How do you feel about parents trying to coach from the touchline, helping the real coach.
8. What are your feelings on **BALANCED TEAMS**?
9. In your experience, what are some of the advantages of being on a balanced team?
10. In your experience, what are some of the disadvantages of being on a balanced team?
11. What is sportsmanship?
12. Is sportsmanship important?
13. Have the adults in AYSO done a good job of providing you with a FUN, SAFE, POSITIVE experience?
14. If you were in charge of AYSO what would you change and why?
15. If you had to choose between assuring that your team wins or everyone has fun, which would you choose?

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16. Would you ever cheat to win?  
(ask about stalling for time)  
(pulling a shirt)  
(standing on an opponents foot)  
(not giving 10 yards)
17. Is winning important and why?
18. Is it okay to lose?
19. If your team loses are you all a bunch of losers?
20. Do you like your mom or dad being the coach of your team?  
Why yes? Why no?

*Talk with your child, what would you do?*

### SITUATION 1:

You are playing a game. The score is tied. The other team has some players who keep on pushing and holding shirts but the referee isn't calling it. What would you do?

### SITUATION 2:

You are playing against a team that is tied in the standings with yours and the score is tied. The other team is about to get a one on one with your keeper. Where would you take that player down?

### SITUATION 3:

Your team fouled a player on the other team but the referee gave your team the free kick by mistake. What would you do?

### SITUATION 4:

The other team shot on goal and the ball went into the goal but the referee didn't see it and awarded a goal kick, what would you do?