



Menlo-Atherton Little League

PCA PARENT - ROLE GUIDELINES

Each team in the Menlo-Atherton Little League is expected to designate a “PCA Parent”. The basic role of the PCA Parent is to help the team’s coaches instill the PCA perspective and good sportsmanship principles with their team’s parents and families. This is generally done in the stands and along the sidelines prior to, during and after the games. The PCA Parent is an additional set of eyes and ears for the coaches as well as a resource for the team’s families. The PCA Parent is a role model, information source and culture keeper. Here are some of the specific things that the PCA Parent should do working in collaboration with their team’s coaches.

Discuss with your team’s coaches specifically what they would like you to do as the PCA Parent above and beyond the following:

- Set expectations from the very start of what behavior is expected and what guidelines the team has for all families during the season. Define and communicate the role of the PCA Parent to all families and what he/she will do or communicate during the season if the team’s guidelines are not being respected.
- Help the coach to disseminate, administer, and collect the MALL Parent Pledge from those who didn’t submit a pledge during registration. Remind parents of the pledge and reinforce its tenants throughout the season.
- Role model the desired behavior:
 - Let the coaches coach and let the kids play – don’t coach your kids
 - No criticizing the coaches, the opponents or the umpires
 - Compliment the kids, not just your own, including the opponents’ kids
 - Appreciate and thank the coaches
- Let the coaches know if there is undesirable behavior or communication on the part of one of your team family members or players. Coaches can’t always see or hear everything. They need to know if there is a consistent problem or if a potential problem is developing. Similarly, let coaches know when there is good behavior exemplified.
- Disseminate information to your team’s families. Remind your team’s families of the team’s/coaches expectations and PCA itself from time to time throughout the season. Keep the team sensitized to proper perspective and good sportsmanship. Encourage your parents to visit with the [PCA home page](#) and then review the available [PCA tools for parents](#).
- Compliment parents and players for the right behavior. Highlight “good deeds” and communicate them to your team’s families and coaches.
- Help promote and stimulate participation in the League’s end-of-season feedback survey.
- Communicate with M-A Little League’s board PCA/Sportsmanship representatives comments and suggestions: PCA@m-all.org