

Field of Screams - Zero Tolerance Policy. Many leagues have adopted a zero tolerance policy regarding verbal abuse or poor sportsmanship **and we both support and endorse it.** Soccer is a recreational activity and our goal is to have fun and win some games. **Please, let the coaches do the coaching.** Players get confused when parents are shouting instructions even though the coach had already given the player different advice. Cheer the players; your child and other players who play well. It promotes good sportsmanship and **the best example for good sportsmanship for your child is their parent.** **Be a good example.** Please don't boo other players or yell at the ref's. Generally, the ref's are young teenagers and occasionally they make mistakes. If the coaches feel it is an issue, let the coaches handle it.

A special note to parents... encourage and cheer the players but to please leave the coaching to the coaches. Players complain when parents are shouting instructions. The players don't like it (that includes sons that have asked me to speak to their dads).

Things that parents are allowed to shout at soccer games...

1. Great job.
2. Nice kick.
3. Good hustle.
4. Excellent shot!
5. Nice move.
6. Super play.
7. Beautiful pass.
8. Nice block.
9. Go! Run!
10. You're so lucky to have such a good coaching staff.

For items 1 – 8, please feel free to mix up the words – use any first word with any second word.

Things that parents are NOT allowed to shout at soccer games...

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| 1. Get in front of that man. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 2. Kick it, kick it! | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 3. Take the shot. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 4. Block him. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 5. Go to the net. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 6. Move over there. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 7. Get in front of that man. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 8. Pass it. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 9. Kick it down field. | (Leave this to the coaches) |
| 10. Your coach stinks. | (Leave this to the coaches' wives) |

Leave the instructions to the coaches! We are trying to be light hearted about this but please, no sideline instructions. Your children don't like it. Root for them, respect them and let them play their game.