

WASHINGTON FC PARENT EXPECTATIONS



Analogy

Children are like bamboo trees it takes 3-5 years for bamboo trees to start growing or establish.

This is the same with the development of our players providing we keep watering them with the correct information.

In 5 years-time we will see these young children develop and mature

REMEMBER - LET THE COACHES COACH AND THE PLAYERS PLAY

Parents Expectations

As parents we can create the right environment for our players at training and match days, to ensure that everyone involved enjoys their football journey. A reminder that all parents and spectators are representing Washington AFC.

Below are the expectations of all parents and what they should expect of themselves.

I will:

1. Ensure my child are on time for training and match days
2. Applaud and give encouragement to the opposition, officials as well as our own team.
3. Respect the officials and accept their decisions
4. Avoid coaching the individual/ team during training and games.
5. Support the coaches, managers of your child's team and foster a positive environment focused on development
6. Do not engage with coaches during training or match days, please leave 24 hours after training or match days
7. Do not pace back and forth on the side lines
8. Set a good example to all the children
9. Not send coaches group or private messages about how to coach the players for training and match days

Parents Coaching

THERE WILL BE NO COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES

1. There should be no directional coaching "Pass", "Shoot" etc
2. Coaching and instructing your child/ team is distracting and counterproductive and will not be tolerated
3. Your coaching comments can potentially embarrass your child which could lead to anxiety
4. Conflicting with your child's coach information and direction
5. Make only positive comments from the side lines - No shouting and screaming

AT TRAINING AND MATCH DAYS, PARENTS SHOULD BE **SEEN, NOT HEARD**

A reminder that all parents and players have signed a code of conduct and therefore are expected to adhere to the conduct.

Parents Support

1. Children should organise their own training kit prior to attending training/ match days
2. Children should carry their own kit/ equipment to training/ match days
3. Inform coaches with advance notice if your unable to attend training/ match days
4. Encourage exceptional attitude towards training/ match days at all times
5. At the end of the session, children are to carry coaches' equipment as well as own kit
6. Children are to take all rubbish with them at the end of the training session or match game
7. On the journey home, praise your child, opposed to giving your expert thoughts on their development. "I enjoyed watching you play today"
8. No adult or child's development is linear, they might be excellent last week and not so good this week. All adults & professionals struggle with consistency and your child may struggle too.