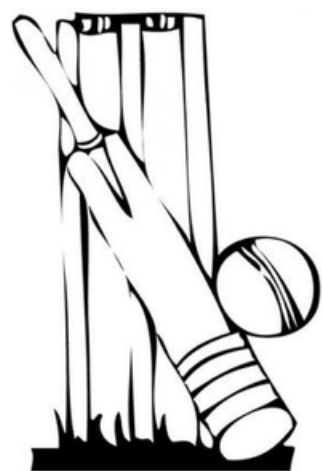
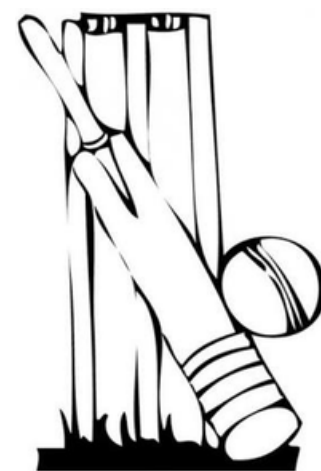




Promoting Positive Boundary Behaviour



Children remember far more than the score. They remember how adults made them feel. As parents and spectators, we all help create an environment where children can enjoy cricket and develop a lifelong love of the game.

1

Understanding Boundary Comments and Actions.

Parents often unintentionally make comments or actions during games that pressure young players, leading to feelings of inadequacy and frustration. Despite good intentions, comments or over-exuberant cheering can harm a child's confidence and enjoyment of the sport.

Whilst successes are to be celebrated, remember that every wicket or run out is another child's disappointment. Comparisons to other players can foster arrogance, strain friendships, or make children feel alienated from their teammates.

2

The Dangers of Over-Coaching.

Parents calling out instructions during games can overwhelm young players, causing confusion and undermining the coach's authority. It disrupts the learning process, as children may struggle to follow multiple voices instead of focusing on the game.

Giving conflicting instructions may go against the team goal in pursuit of individual goals.

Trust the coaches and let children learn to make decisions in real-time to allow them to develop their problem-solving skills.

3

Promote the Importance of Processes Over Outcomes

Encouragement that emphasises effort, development and enjoyment fosters a supportive environment for young players.

By shifting the focus from winning to personal development and having fun, parents can help their children build resilience and performance whilst continuing having a love for the game.

5

Encouraging the Right Values

Communicating the importance of sportsmanship and learning from mistakes over winning-at-all-costs behaviours helps reduce pressure on young players.

Parents should celebrate effort and progress, reinforcing the idea that it's okay to make mistakes and that enjoyment stems from participation, striving to do your best and personal development.



4

Setting the Right Example

How parents react to umpires and coaches significantly influences children's attitudes toward authority.

Complaining about umpires or coaches' decisions can create negativity and teaches children to deflect responsibility. Demonstrating respect by accepting the umpire's calls, even if they seem unfair, sets an example for children to focus on their play, rather than factors outside of their control.



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