

PENNDel WILDCATS PRINCIPLE FOR PARENTS

1. Athletes and coaches will not be able to perform at their best if parents do not have a clear understanding of the philosophies of the youth football and cheerleading program.
2. Understand the daily pressures a child faces. Football and Cheerleading should be an outlet and place for the children to have fun. Encourage your child and allow him/her to have a good time.
3. Remember that your child learns more from your actions than your words. Practice good sportsmanship by being respectful to other players, parents and coaches on both teams.
4. Parents should appreciate the efforts made by both teams. There is nothing wrong with applauding a good play made by the opponents.
5. Parents should support the coaching staff as long as the staff follows proper coaching guidelines. Parents must understand that all coaches are volunteers. It is inappropriate for parents to coach players from the side line. Not only does it devalue the coaching staff but it also confuses the player.
6. Parents should not embarrass their child by calling attention to themselves through loud, obnoxious or rude behavior.
7. Don't be a coach – be a parent. Offer encouragement and positive reinforcement. A sure way to dampen a child's enthusiasm is with constant criticism.
8. Parents should encourage discipline and responsibility by having their children arrive on time for all practices and games.
9. Parents should help their children realize that belonging to a team requires commitment. Regular attendance and being prepared are necessary for the team to function.
10. Parents should volunteer their services whenever possible. This shows the participants the value of being a team player.
11. Parents should respect the officials and their calls. It's okay to disagree but inappropriate to disparage.