

KidsGames Sports

Week 1 Devotional

Your first week devotional is a time for you to get to know your players and their families. Even if you have had several of the kids on your team before, this is still a great time to focus on the new season, set team goals, meet the new families, and just get ready for the season.

During this time, you can also discuss with your players and parents what your expectations are for everyone and begin to enlist help from the parents to achieve your goals.

Some examples of things to share with your players and parents—

1. Your purpose in coaching
 - a. To share the love of Christ with each player and family.
 - b. To help each player grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.
 - c. To provide a positive practice and game atmosphere to encourage skill development.
2. What you expect from your players
 - a. To listen when you are speaking.
 - b. To be respectful of coaches, teammates, referees, and the other team.
 - c. To be on time for all practices and games.
 - d. To let the coach know if you are going to miss a practice or game.
 - e. To have a great time.
3. What you expect from your parents
 - a. To support the purpose of KidsGames Sports and provide a positive atmosphere for all players.
 - b. To encourage players of both teams during games.
 - c. To let coaches deal with game issues—parents should only be supportive of all referees, opposing coaches, other players, etc. Any concerns should be addressed to either the coach or the Sports Ministry Office in the appropriate way.
4. Get to know your players
 - a. Ask each player to share his/her name, school, years they have played the sport, favorite player, or favorite something else (ice cream, cartoon character, video game, hobby, etc.)
 - b. Test yourself and see if you can remember each player's name and something about them. They will be impressed if you can.
 - c. Tell them a little about you also.
5. Address any team business
 - a. Ask parents for help with practices and games.
 - b. Solicit a parent to coordinate team snacks and drinks.
 - c. Make sure parents know how to contact you.
 - d. Make sure you know how to contact your parents.
6. Be sure and end this time of practice in prayer.