

GlenEd Soccer - Coaching Concepts

Topic 1: Representing GlenEd

Whether you are a coach, manager, parent or board member we all represent GlenEd.

- Driving to and from work or around town with a sticker on your back car window
- Sitting on the sideline at a game or tournament
- With your neighbors and friends on a daily basis
- Coaching a game, conducting a practice

Sometimes clubs are validated not just by the fees they charge or the uniforms the players wear but by the families they attract.

- If I knew nothing about GlenEd but my friend's son/daughter plays for the club, I would ask him about his experiences...
- If I was at a game and my team was playing a GlenEd team and the GlenEd coach conducted himself/herself in a positive manner and the players and parents seemed to be happy, I might feel compelled to check the clubs website to find out more...
- If I was new to the area and wanted to find a club to join, I might see car decals, ask people from my church, or parents of kids at school about options...
- If I was at EHS for another function and saw a practice session of a GlenEd team well organized with the coach involved, positive, and the kids happy I would make a note of that and pass it along to anyone who might ask me about GlenEd...

Don't underestimate how we do what we do impacts us not only today, but into the future. If we are known as a club that allows friends to play together and supports the "player development" then our efforts are successful.

If at games we as parents and coaches are positive and encouraging it is noticed. To the contrary, if we are emotional and more critical of the officials, players, and opponents - that too will be noticed and does tear down the good we attempt to do as club directors.

We are reminded that kids play sports to have fun, interact with friends, and to compete at a game they enjoy. We also know that kids begin to make conscious decisions on which activities to pursue at the age of 12-13. So it is our goal as a club and our desire for you as parents to be reminded that scholarships and high school varsity spots will be a bi-product of doing right things RIGHT, and it is our goal as a club to ensure your son/daughter develops an awareness of the game, desire to play, and a passion to improve. As we represent GlenEd, be reminded that this GlenEd experience should provide an environment to excel, be challenged, while competing... it's when competing takes a back burner to winning that our long term goals of player development turns into a season focus of recruiting players due to league records or tournament wins. Winning will be a result of doing focusing on the details of technical skill development and the more we as role models can reinforce that the more fun it will be.