

Tips for Team Parents in Youth Sports

Description

We have yet to sign Avery up for any youth sports, but the time is fast approaching. I recently found the article [How to be a Great Team Parent](#) on [Fix.com](#) and think the info on parent conduct, trip organization, and communication will prove handy when the time comes.

Here's a snippet from the beginning of the article:

Take the burden off your (likely unpaid) team coach and volunteer to oversee team communication. It's easier than ever to communicate with other team parents online and via phone, but start the season with a face-to-face team meeting. This is a great time to review expectations from other parent volunteers. Come prepared with information and schedules for:

- Team snack responsibilities and requirements: who brings what snacks and when?
- Transportation expectations: does everyone drive his or her own child, or will you carpool?
- End-of-season events such as a party or final meeting.

Most importantly, decide on a single method of communication for your team. Pick one communication app or website and stick to it. Gather every parent's e-mail address and phone number if not already provided and give parents a heads up how often you plan to communicate with them. Be mindful of privacy: choose a communication method every parent is comfortable with. For instance, some may not want to give their e-mail address, or others may not want to communicate via an online service.

If you have kids in team sports or will in the future, you might find the tips/advice in this article by [Amy Whitley](#) as a great go-to guide.

HOW TO BE A GREAT SPORTS TEAM PARENT



BEST APPS & SITES FOR TEAM COMMUNICATION



TEAMSNAPE

This app allows team parents to save and share player and parent contact info and view game schedules.

Pros: can message one another in the app, no social media sign ups needed

Cons: lots of notifications unless you turn them off



CLOSED FACEBOOK GROUP

Using Facebook to stay in communication allows parents to keep phone numbers and emails private.

Pros: most people are already signed up

Cons: requires Facebook sign up and frequent site checks



TEAMER

This app works similarly to



TEXT MESSAGING

Group text messages can

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Do you have anything to add or suggest about the article? I'm still a novice in this area, so I'm open to any and all helpful advice. Even what the best starter sport would be. I'm thinking something low cost like soccer which is more for the social part when they are 3-5 years old.

Is this an accurate assumption?

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