

<b>The Positive Influence of Parents</b>	<b>The Negative Influence of Parents</b>
Supportive	Too involved in the game
Making kids feel better, even after a loss	Obnoxious statments/heckling/trash talk
Help players relax and keep their head in the game	Too vocal during games
Always being at games	Pointing out what went "wrong", over-critical
Providing transportation	Those who never come to games
Taking care of uniforms	Coaching/yelling @ players from sidelines
Encouraging	Too opinionated
Understanding of the time committment	Making kids feel guilty of loss/bad play
Take care of whole team	Thinking their child is better than others
Constructive criticism, advice, feedback, compliments	Negative toward the coach
Support individuals	Negative toward refs
Caring	Too aggressive during games
Available to talk to whe needed	Too much pressure & high expectations
Cheering	Not letting their kids participate
Organize team dinners, gatherings	Arguing about playing time with coach
Provide food/drinks	Too much emphasis on sports
Snack shack	Arguing/fighting with parents of other teams
Athletic Boosters/fundraising	Being disappointed
Get to know coaches and other players	Giving unwanted advice
Decorating lockers/bus/gym before games	Too competitive
Help with time management	Making players feel stressed
Help players stay out of trouble	Punishing players if they do badly
Providing confidence	Embarrassing
Enthusiastic	Lack of knowledge about the sport
Get information out quickly about practices/games	Doesn't care about the season
Help players make smart decisions	Make kids do sports/practice when they don't want to
Moral support	Make a player watch footage after a game
Volunteering	Controlling (team, kids life)
Respectful	Don't value committment to a team
Take pictures	Favoritism
Paying fees	Negative talking about players and coaches
Things for seniors	Never on time
Persistence (don't let kids quit)	Try too hard to make kids feel better after a loss
Recruitment	Bragging
Helping out at practice	Get involved with team drama
Ask questions about practice/games	Being rude
Long term point of view	Complaining
Gratitude	Don't care
Motivation/Inspiration	Nagging/overbearing
Are optimistic	Make excuses for a bad game
Do not speak badly about opposing teams	Telling you what to do in front of the coach
Manager role (score-keeping)	Oversteps bounds
Believe in potential of athletes	Competition between parents about whose kid is better
Pride	Other people judge you by your parents actions
Deeper connection with parent	Micromanaging
Help improve skills	Distracting
Supporting academics	Spread rumors
	Physical abuse after a game, even if it is just playing
	Bribing coaches
	Live vicariously through their children
	Relationship with coach can lead to special treatment
	Parents from other teams who cheer when you make a mistake
	Argue with other parents about who is contributing more
	When your parent is your coach it can be hard