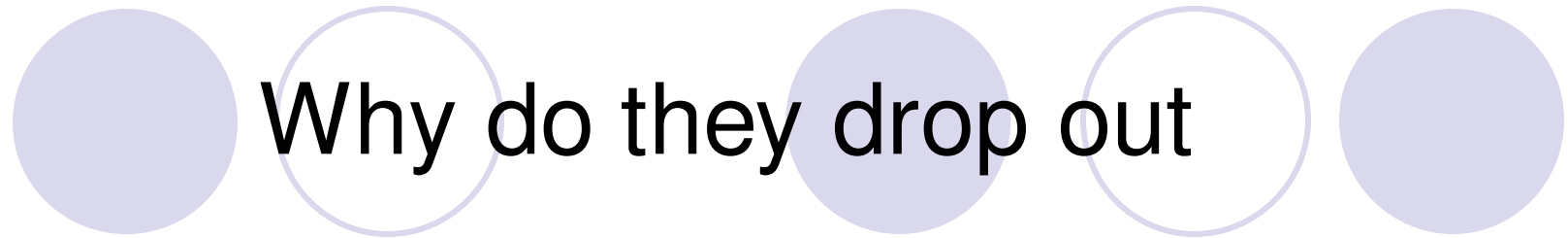




Reducing the drop out rate in Youth Soccer



Why do they drop out

- Pressure to win from the coach & parent
- It is not fun
- Burn Out
 - Physical & Psychological
- Want to play other activities
- Social issues

Prevention of drop out...Discussion

- Put the fun back into the sport.....HOW
- U6 – 10..... No cuts
- No teams.....Play Days
- Encourage risk taking-creativity
- Better educate coaches
- Better educate parents



Coaches Education

- Purpose:
 - To educate coaches
 - Provide a better experience for the players
- Club/In-house coaching clinics
- Coaching Schools
- Attend seminars

Parent education



- Who's Responsibility?
 - Club or State association
 - HOW?
 - Club.... Parent meetings
 - State....Online courses



○ **Soccer mom assaults coach with folding chair**

A Long Island soccer mom was arrested recently for reckless endangerment after allegedly attacking her daughter's soccer coach in the face.

Police said the mother, 33, confronted her daughter's coach – a 68-year-old volunteer – after a game about receiving poor directions via email. The mother was apparently upset that she had to attain proper directions from other parents.

The coach turned his back on the mother after the two individuals became involved in a verbal altercation. The mother then allegedly picked up a folding chair and hit the coach in the face.

Police said the mother then scratched a van she believed to be the coach's vehicle. She denies assaulting the coach or vandalizing the car.

The coach suffered minor cuts on his lip and cheek, but refused medical attention.

Courtesy of the National Alliance for Youth Sports



- **Angry parent chokes referee**

The State's Attorney's Office of Illinois is currently reviewing whether to elevate a Morris man's simple battery charge at a youth soccer game from a misdemeanor to a felony.

A player's father in a 6 to 7-year-old boys soccer league was arrested last month after he allegedly grabbed a 46-year-old referee by the throat. According to the father, he attacked the referee because he was unhappy with seeing the ref yelling in his wife's face.

The incident arose after two players collided on the field, briefly stopping the game. After no penalty was called the mother of the injured child stormed the field to demand an explanation.

According to local police, the mother continued to yell at the referee prompting him to yell back at her to get off the field. The woman's husband apparently became enraged at the site of his wife being yelled at and attacked the referee.

The father was arrested after a police sergeant responded to the call, and was later released on \$100 bail.

The State's Attorney's Office is considering if a more serious charge is warranted and will likely announce its decision later this month.

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