

Here's what happens

# When the Coach Swears Too Much

"That foul mouth is no fun!"



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Most coaches refrain from swearing and are good role models. A few, however, use nasty language, putting kids in a tough position. Since coaches are authority figures, younger kids often are reluctant to discuss their discomfort, while older kids quietly lose respect for those coaches.

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Tammy, 12



### Comments from Kids

“I’m 12, and I didn’t join this team to learn how to cuss & swear.” *Tammy, 12*

“I don’t mind the swearing. I got used to it. Now, I swear once in a while too.” *Marc, 14*

“Coach, you make it hard to concentrate.” *Sam, 12*

“I try not to cry ‘til I’m on the bus” *Randy, 11*

“Quietly, inside my head, I swear back.” *Becca, 10*

“Go home, look in the mirror, and swear at yourself. Scream, out loud! How does it feel?” *Lee, 11*

### Tip: try this, Coach

“Learn how to tell when you swear. Ask your own family to say “DIME” each time you swear, 24/7. After 10 swears, you owe them a dollar. You’ll clean-up your act. I swear!” *Pat, 12*

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