

COACH'S GUIDE TO GIVING

A PLAYER EVALUATION

Face to Face Evaluation:

- **Sit next to the player** - This will make the player feel like you are on their side working together to help them improve. Sitting directly across from the player makes the evaluation feel more like a “disciplinary meeting”.
- **Let them Talk** – It is important to let the player talk and get their feelings out. It is much easier to get players to buy into your suggestions when they feel like they have a chance to discuss the areas they need to improve in.

When to give an Evaluation:

- **Beginning of the Season** – Can serve as a goal setting tool.
- **End of the Season** – This will let the player know how they did over the season. This will also help motivate a player to practice and improve during the off season
- **After a Tournament** – After multiple games over a course of a few days can help you as a coach to determine how well a player has developed during the tournament.

Age Appropriate Considerations:

- **Younger players (U11 – U13)** – Evaluations should be positive
- **Older Players (U14 – U15)** – Evaluations should be truthful. Players need to know where they stand, and as a coach you must make sure that you give suggestions on what they can do to improve.

