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National Conversation on Good Coaching #12: When a Star Burns Too Bright

Thanks for your many responses to our previous Good Coaching Case Study, titled "*Working" the Refs*. You shared a great deal of wisdom that will help anyone with questions about how coaches treat officials. Most hearteningly, many suggested a cooling off period before trying to resolve differences between coaches and officials. [To read all the comments, click here.](#)

Now, consider our next Case Study:

When a Star Burns Too Bright

Your child's coach, whom you respect, approaches you for a private conversation after practice. Coach explains that your child, although a star player, is harming the team by overly influencing the game and calling for the ball too much. You think your child's team plays well together, wins, and does not seem to mind the leadership your child exerts.

- What do you say to the coach?
- How, if at all, do you speak about this with your child?
- What is an ideal outcome of these conversations?

[Share your thoughts at the Case Studies blog](#) and by printing out this Case Study for discussion at youth sports events and organizational meetings.

Thanks as always to our co-conveners who distribute Case Studies through their websites, e-mail newsletters and publications, making this a true National Conversation on Coaching:

**American Medical Society for Sports Medicine
American Youth Soccer Organization
Institute for International Sport
Little League International
Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports
National Association for Sport and Physical Education
National Federation of State High School Associations
Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc.
USA Volleyball
USA Water Polo
US Lacrosse**

New Feature on PCA's Website: Youth Sports Spotlight

So much wonderful (and not so wonderful) news occurs in youth and high school sports every day that Positive Coaching Alliance wants to shine a spotlight on some of these items. That's why we have added "[Youth Sports Spotlight](#)" to the series of whistles on our homepage at www.positivecoach.org.

Turn here for a near-daily dose of news, inspiration, insight and tips. Our current item concerns proposed reforms in Chicago Public Schools, where coaches were caught on camera paddling high school players for their on-court mistakes.

We will keep a running list of "Youth Sports Spotlight" items on our web pages and blogs so you can visit our site often and expect to find fresh food for thought for coaches, sports parents, organizational leaders and athletes.

Of course, we also would love to share "Youth Sports Spotlight"-worthy stories from your own experience. After all, none of us is as smart as all of us!

Call for Nominations for Pop Warner Little Scholars Double-Goal Coach of the Year



Do you know of outstanding youth football or cheerleading coaches? If so, [nominate them as candidates for the Pop Warner Double-Goal Coach of the Year Award](#) before the April 10 deadline.

This new program, part of the national partnership between PCA and Pop Warner, will honor the award winner at the Pop Warner Little Scholars Awards Banquet, May 23 in Orlando, Fla.

This is a great opportunity to honor coaches who are providing your children, or others in your community, with a positive, character-building football and cheerleading experience.

[To nominate coaches online or download forms to mail to Pop Warner Little Scholars headquarters, click here.](#)

Announcing Winners of PCA Online Partnership Raffle

In our February 10 *Connector*, PCA invited recipients to throw their hats in the ring for one of 10 FREE PCA Online Partnerships -- a new partnership format for smaller schools and youth sports organizations. And the winners are:

AYSO 294 - Kern Valley, Lake Isabella, CA
Connecticut Junior Soccer Association, Farmington, CT
Illinois Lacrosse Assn., Cary, IL
Keep It Simple Sports, Buffalo, NY
Lee Mount Vernon Soccer Club, Alexandria, VA
New Berlin (WI) Soccer Club
North Natomas Little League, Sacramento, CA
Ravenswood Youth Athletic Assn., East Palo Alto, CA
San Jose American Little League, Santa Clara, CA
Warriors Lacrosse, Warrington, PA

If your organization was not one of the lucky winners, but you remain interested in our new Online Partnership, [click here to request information from a PCA representative.](#)

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