

Should parents let their kids play contact sports?

Many parents would argue that for the safety of their children they should play less aggressive and more passive sports. While this obviously can keep the children physically less painful, it is a fact those who play contact sports are known to develop a higher efficiency in their work. Parents should allow their child to play whatever they wish and be supportive to that choice. Contact sports will teach the child lessons of discipline and hard work while showing them how to be successful adults for the future.

Some of the most popular levels of sports are organized by the educational departments. As a Yale University study has shown, over 90% of schools in the United States require students to have passing averages in each class in order to remain eligible to participate in sports. This forces students to dedicate their time to be consistently working and forming themselves to prepare for whatever life will throw at them. These skills will carry on with the athletes for the rest of their lives and help them to teach others the importance of hard work and dedication to be the best.

Some contend that you can earn just as many skills in non-contact sports, and while that can be true, to put you into perspective, one of the biggest sports in the US is football. It is proven that far more people watch it than baseball, basketball etc as proved on multiple sporting

websites such as ESPN and Fox Sports. Here's an example: as a CNN poll conducted, there were thousands of more fans at the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl for collegiate level football than any other college sport attendance, which induces the immense amount of pressure to perform. Do you think those kids just walked onto that field and played like it was nothing? No, they had to practice and train for years to get to that level, and they shouldn't ever have difficulty in life after that much pressure was placed on their shoulders.

Many parents typically tend to side arguments based on injuries to the children or over-aggressive behavior. One parent on the Sports on Earth website claims that they never wanted their child to play football because they had seen the injuries, however as I'm sure at that point in their life they have to have learned that success in life is nothing without risks; that child could be a prodigy and make millions, but you wouldn't let them play. As a parent you should not allow fear to dictate what you choose for that person's future.

As it has been mentioned on hundreds if not thousands of occasions, practice makes perfect. Sports that are contact induced require a large amount of physical preparation to perform on the field. In order to be the most skilled on the field will require hours of practice and training, in that regard teaching the children to be persistent and consistent in their efforts.

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