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Message From The President

I would like to say thanks to the sponsors, dignitaries, players and everyone who came to show support to our organization at Opening Day. The weather held out nicely for us, and kids were great! Thanks to my fellow board members for coming through on their duties and tasks. Special thanks to Jenna Cole for bringing it all together.

Slowly but surely the weather has allowed us to kick off the 2016 season. With the season in motion, please remember to check the website often for the schedule updates and diamond status. The board makes every effort to make the call on the diamond status in a timely manner. Please be patient.

New this season, we will be offering a debit machine in the concession. There is a minimum purchase required, but it is low, and this should help TC offer even better service to all that visit the park.

Again, thanks to all that dedicate themselves to the kids and the success of TC as an organization, your efforts are appreciated.



Aaron Anson
President, Turtle Club

House League Update

As you drive into Turtle Club Park, do you say to yourself, “Wow, this is like the Costco parking lot on a Saturday before a holiday...there are so many people here!” Turtle Club Park is often very busy, and a primary reason for this is that Turtle Club has had and continues to have one of the most successful house league programs in Southern Ontario. This year, approximately 500 children are registered in our baseball and softball house league programs, in various divisions ranging from Little Turtles to Pee Wee/Bantam in baseball and Novice/Bantam in softball.

Our T-Ball program is the foundation for the development of our future baseball and softball players. This program consists of three divisions, Little Turtles, Junior T-Ball, and Senior T-Ball. This season, we have 8 teams in each of these divisions, all playing and practising on the weekends.

After Senior T-Ball, our boys and girls split up. The boys move on to our Rookie baseball division, and the girls advance to our Mite softball division, where they all get to hit a pitched ball. This season, we have 8 teams in our Rookie division, and 4 large teams in our Mite division, also all playing and practising on weekends.

After Rookie, our boys progress to our Mosquito division, where they get to pitch and hit live pitching. This season, we have 6 teams battling it out in our Mosquito division, with games on Monday nights, and practices on Wednesday nights. After Mosquito, our boys, this season, move on to our combined Pee Wee/Bantam division, in which we have 6 large teams working hard in practice on Monday nights, and competing in games on Wednesday nights.

After Mite, our girls, this season, take a giant leap into a combined Novice/Bantam fastpitch softball division, where they too get to pitch and hit live pitching. This season, we have 2 large teams competing against each other and also against teams from other local softball associations in an interlock league. You will see these teams at Turtle Club Park and other local parks on Tuesdays and Fridays.

In addition to our house league teams, we currently have select teams being organized in our T-Ball, Rookie, Mosquito and Pee Wee divisions, with efforts also underway to form select teams in our girls’ divisions as well.

Unfortunately, we were not able to accommodate everyone who wanted to play in our house league program this season. We are bursting at the seams! We now offer online registration, and it is becoming increasingly important to register EARLY to not only secure the lowest registration fee (as a discount is offered for early registration), but to guarantee a spot on a team.

We started online registration for this season last October. Look for an even earlier start date for online registration next season.

I thank all of our coaches, grounds and concessions crew, board members, umpires, parents and, of course, house league players, for making our house league program the tremendous success that it is.

Don Hunt
VP, House League

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Reaume Chevrolet Buick GMC has been a strong supporter of Turtle Club for many years now and we greatly value and appreciate their generosity and support. 2016 is no different as Reaume continues to be one

of our top sponsors. Please support them as they have supported this organization allowing us to complete special projects and keep our cost to you our members in check.

Reaume Chevrolet Buick GMC History

1931 - Joseph Reaume starts out with GM and opens Sunnyside Garage at 1820 Front Rd in LaSalle selling Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Frigidaire, at the time, a General Motors' company.

1936 - Son A.J. (Mine) Reaume and Louis Pajot (A.J.'s brother-in-law) take over the reins and continue to provide LaSalle and area residents with fair and honest dealings on vehicles, fridges, and Supertest gasoline with friendly, quality service.

1944 - A.J buys out Louis and the name Sunnyside Garage is change to A.J. Reaume Motor Sales & Service. A few years later, son Don joins the family business, after attending GMI in Flint, MI. in those days, Don not only sold you a vehicle, but personally serviced it, too.

1977 - Don's son Steve joins the business of 9 employees, and with Ed Joines (Steve's brother-in-law) proceed to grow the business. Supertest gas pumps are replaced with a better new vehicle display area and some upgrades are completed in the dealership building.

1980 - Don buys out A.J. and after quickly outgrowing the initial building, begins the process to look for a new dealership location. 500 Front Rd (formerly Conklin Lumber/Discount Dave's) is chosen. Employees now at 16 and the name is changed to Reaume Chev/Olds.



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Tuesday	9:00a - 8:00p	8:00a - 6:00p	7:00a - 7:00p	7:00a - 7:00p	7:00a - 7:00p
Wednesday	9:00a - 8:00p	8:00a - 6:00p	7:00a - 5:00p	7:00a - 5:00p	7:00a - 5:00p
Thursday	9:00a - 8:00p	8:00a - 6:00p	7:00a - 7:00p	7:00a - 7:00p	7:00a - 7:00p
Friday	9:00a - 6:00p	8:00a - 6:00p	7:00a - 5:00p	7:00a - 5:00p	7:00a - 5:00p
Saturday	9:00a - 4:00p	Closed	7:00a - Noon	7:00a - Noon	7:00a - Noon
Sunday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

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1988 - Steve and Ed buy out Don and add on the current customer Drive-Thru along with other major renovations to better service the growing customer base. Number of staff grows to 27 and the name is changed to Reaume/Jones Chev/Geo/Olds.

2002 - Steve is joined by wife Gail and brother Rick and buy out Ed. This compliments sons Jeff and Craig and daughter

Jenn who are already in the business. Staff continues to increase... now 32, and the name is changed again to Reaume Chev/Olds.

2007 - The Reaume family dealership and tradition are now over 75 years old. Our next quarter century started with another major facelift in the Spring of 2007. Over 40 employees are now on staff and the name is now simply... Reaume Chevrolet.

2011 - Having survived the 2009 GM Dealer cutbacks... some things changed a lot, but not the Reaume Family Promise, and a new jingle was introduced "You'll feel right at home... at Reaume." With over 50 employees on staff, we can now serve you even better as... Reaume Chevrolet/Buick/GMC.



THE REAUME FAMILY PROMISE

Our Commitment

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The Five Reaumes: Richard, Craig, Steve, Jeff, and Jenn.

Athletics Novice Gold wins “Silver in the Snow”



The 2002 Athletics Novice Gold Team played the weekend of the 14 & 15th in Southfield Michigan in the harshest of conditions. The tournament was delayed due to freezing and rain snow throughout both days.



In spite of the conditions and by virtue of being “Good Canadian Girls”, the parents, girls and coaches managed to make the most of the experience. The girls maintained a winning attitude and displayed their infectious enthusiasm and competed in a division a year up of their age bracket.



Congratulations to our girls who managed to win “Silver in the Snow” while representing the Turtle Club (and Canada) with great pride and spirit. These girls make their parents and coaches proud to be a part of their journey! Well done Turtle Chicks!!

The Accountability Problem in Youth Sports

by [John O'Sullivan](#) / Wednesday, 04 May 2016 / Published in [Coaching](#), [High School Sports](#), [Problems in Youth Sports](#), [Youth Sports](#)

<http://changingthegameproject.com/accountability-problem-youth-sports/>



“Thanks so much for your talk the other day,” wrote a coach from Calgary, Alberta to us recently. “It was so refreshing to hear that message, especially in light of the news I returned home to.”

“My friend spent the weekend coaching his son at a spring hockey tournament for 9 and 10 year olds,” he wrote. “He’s a pretty level headed guy and cares about the kids a lot, but the stories from the tournament were scary. He told me about three coaches getting kicked out for arguing with refs. He told me about a grandpa getting kicked out for arguing with refs. He told me about parents from his team asking other parents to please stop swearing at the kids from the stands. He told me about one kid cold-cocking another off a faceoff.”

“Finally,” he wrote, “he told me about another kid who jumped on his own son and started punching him in the head. The other team’s kid was kicked out of the game and as he was skating off the ice, he skated past our bench, turned to our team and yelled ‘F— You!’.”

“But here is the crazy part,” he wrote. “The 9-year-old who started a fight, who was kicked out and was cursing at the other bench, was allowed to play in the rest of the tournament! When my friend approached the tournament organizer about this, he was told ‘Well, that’s hockey.’”

Really? Is that what 9-year-old hockey is about: swearing, fighting, and the adults involved not only turning a blind eye to these situations, but actually encouraging them through their own poor behavior? Hockey is far too beautiful a game for that. Every sport is.

The Accountability Problem in Youth Sports

I love competing, and I love competitive sports. Heck, I don't even like when someone finishes their pizza slice before I do. But this is not about competing. This is about a youth sports industrial complex gone mad. It's about a place where organizers are afraid to toe the line on behavior, lest their tournament or player numbers dwindle. It is a place where coaches, schools and sports associations are afraid to stand up to unruly parents, lest they pick up and leave, or because "they are the customer, right?" And it's about parents and leagues allowing disrespectful coaches to create environments of fear, intimidation, and poor sportsmanship, so long as they keep winning.

And [we wonder why so many kids quit?](#)

This is not a hockey problem. This type of behavior exists across all sports, and is spreading across the globe.

We have an accountability problem in youth sports, and if we do not change, if we allow the type of status quo described above to continue, our sports will continue to suffer and die!

The problem in sports is that everyone makes excuses. Coaches blame parents. Parents blame coaches and leagues. Organizations say "Well, that's hockey." And we wonder why our athletes make excuses? It is high time we had much more accountability in sports, as this would solve so many issues. Here is a start:

Coaches, you are accountable to your athletes to give them what they want from a coach, such as:

- Treat them with respect and encourage them as they learn
- Be a positive role model
- Be a clear, consistent communicator and listener
- Know about the game you are teaching
- Make it safe to fail and learn

You are also accountable to parents, to treat their child with the respect and dignity. You need to be an encourager, not a discourager. You need to coach the child, not the sport. You need to value the human being, not the athlete. You are accountable for building an environment of love and respect, not fear and intimidation.

Any coach who does the opposite, who says "I have done it this way for 30 years, I am not going to change," should scare you! Why? For the same reason that you would want your ER doctor to use the latest and greatest techniques on you if your life was on the line. "Oh yeah, I know the research says we shouldn't treat heart attacks like this anymore, but I have always done it this way, so I am not going to change." Wouldn't you ask for another doctor? Coaches should be accountable for being life-long learners, modeling respectful behavior, and developing both better athletes and better people. We should not expect them to be perfect, but we shouldn't excuse bad coaching either.

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Parents, you are accountable to your athletes to give them what they ask for and what they need. Some ideas are:

- Do not coach from the sidelines
- Perhaps do not even cheer from the sidelines (nearly 100% of high school kids tell us they would rather their parents say nothing during games)
- Do not disrespect the officials, the coach, or the opposing fans
- Surround kids with positive role models
- Help them find their passion instead of deciding what they should be passionate about
- Ensure they have balance, a life away from sport, and they become quality human beings
- Ensure that sports are an extension of the things you value at home, such as integrity, effort, and sportsmanship
- Value their effort, focus and the process of learning, not simply results
- Be patient, as talent development is ugly
- Just be a fan and love watching them play

Parents are also accountable to coaches, sports organizations, and officials. They must not interfere with the coach/player relationship (unless it is unsafe). [They must support our great coaches and stop micromanaging every aspect of our kids' teams, who plays, what position they play, etc. Great coaches can change a child's life for the better if we let them do their work!](#) Struggle is good, and [talent needs trauma, so embrace it!](#)

Finally parents, we must start holding each other accountable in the stands for our behavior. We must create an environment where unruly behavior is no longer tolerated. We must leave the officials alone. We lose 70-80% of first year officials in youth sports because it's just not worth it to them. If we want good officials, we better create an environment where they want to work. We have the power to change things if we are first willing to change ourselves.

Athletes, you are accountable to make the athletic experience a better one, one that will serve you for your entire life. You can do this by:

- Do not act entitled, and for your own sake realize that everything you get in life will need to be earned.
- Show up early, stay late, outwork your teammates and the opponent, and expect nothing except the opportunity to compete.
- Be positive, and don't be, [as Jon Gordon calls it, an "energy vampire."](#)
- [Learn to be a teammate who focuses on what she can give, instead of what she can get](#)
- Ask to be held accountable for the commitments it takes to achieve your goals
- Thank a coach who never lets you give less than your best
- Be patient, and embrace the struggle
- Use your influence as an athlete to better the lives of others in your school, especially when it comes to bullying, and befriending the friendless.

The Accountability Problem in Youth Sports

Athletes, you are also accountable to let coaches and parents know what you want, and what you need from this experience. At the last high school I spoke at, nearly 50% of the kids said their parents had no idea what their goals were in sports. **Stand up for yourself, be willing to struggle and fight for the things you want!**

Schools, clubs and sport associations, you must start being accountable for this environment as well. Start with these ideas:

- Adopt a comprehensive parent and coaching education mandate in your organization, and demand more of yourselves, your coaches and your members. [Check out US Club Soccer's "Players First" Initiative as a model.](#)
- Adopt some organizational core values, so you know where you are going, what you are teaching, and when it's time to tell a coach, parent or athlete "thanks, but perhaps this isn't for you."
- Adopt a strict policy for any parent, coach or athlete who breaks your code of conduct and enforce it! Sadly, most organizations have a code of conduct, and it's not worth the paper it's printed on because they are afraid to hold people accountable for it.

As sports organizations charged with developing our youth as people and as athletes, we must do better. Zero tolerance does not always mean one bad decision and you are kicked out, but it must have teeth. An adult fighting another adult should not be allowed back on the sideline, ever. Your kid is welcome, dad is not. No one has the divine right to be a spectator at their kids' events, yet we continue to allow this behavior, and it is very sad.

When I think of the story above about the 9-year-old hockey tournament, or others I have heard about basketball, soccer, softball, you name it, I can't help but think that all those adults have no place around kids' sports. Coaches who encourage poor behavior don't. Tournament organizers who condone fighting and cursing by 9-year-olds by saying "that's hockey" don't. And parents who turn the sidelines into toxic places for our athletes, officials, and for those who want this experience to belong to the kids, have no right to continue to destroy the experience for the majority.

Check out our new video series "Respect the Kids, Respect the Game" Here is the thing: they won't stop until everyone becomes accountable. Every athlete, every coach, every parent, and every club must stop making excuses and say "This ends today." You can start by having everyone watch and be accountable for [online courses such as our new one "Respect the Kids, Respect the Game."](#) You can bring in great speakers from Changing the Game Project, the [Positive Coaching Alliance](#), [Proactive Coaching](#) or others who are making a difference. You can do a lot of things.

But first, you must say "I am accountable, and I am going to help change this, because I love this game, and it's the right thing to do." **It's time for the responsible adults to demand to be put on the hook, instead of let off it!**

Yes it is scary, but be brave. You are not alone, and there are millions of us out there who got your back! Let's stand up and be counted.

Hey boys and girls thank you so much for all the email you have sent me! I really enjoy hearing from you. Good luck in your last month of school and please send me a quick note and let me know how your ball season is going!!

Love,

Crush

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Baseball Word Search Puzzle

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