

Share / Take Turns

Coach Talk:

Soccer is a game you play together with friends. It's important that you share the ball. It is also important that you take turns so that everyone has a chance to pass, dribble and shoot the ball. When we take turns everyone gets a chance to practice and improve. Everyone also gets a chance to score a goal.

- Why is it important that you take turns?

Story:

Danielle loves to play all kinds of games. She really likes to have a friend over to her house to play. Sometimes they play a game where they pretend that someone is the teacher and someone is the student. Everyone likes being the teacher, so they have to take turns. When Danielle plays soccer she also takes turns doing some of the fun things like dribbling the ball or scoring goals.

- Why is it important to share the ball?
- What are things that you can take turns doing while playing soccer?

Parent's Corner:

Sharing is an important social skill for children to learn so that they can get along with their friends and classmates. One way that children share is by taking turns. When children can take turns playing with the toy or being the teacher they are learning to cooperate, a very important life skill. Parents can help build their child's sharing skills by reinforcing good turn taking and encouraging fairness.

Private speech again can be a very helpful tool to help children who struggle with taking turns, according to Bedova and Leong. For example, if a Eric is having trouble waiting in line for his turn to receive a pass from the coach so he can shoot on goal, then Eric can be reminded by the coach that first, he must stand in line; second, he can count down until his turn; and finally, he is ready to take his turn. At first the coach may have to help Eric by prompting him to repeat what he will do. Holding up one finger the coach signals to Eric who responds by saying, "Stand in line." Then the signal for two and Eric says, "Count down," and Eric proceeds to count down, "Two more people until Eric's turn. One more person until Eric's turn. Eric's turn." Eric then takes his turn and get in the back of the line and the process starts over. After a while Eric will need few prompts and eventually he will be able to hold onto his fingers and prompt himself (2007).

Draw a Picture of Yourself Sharing While Playing Soccer: