

Positive Coaching Alliance

NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON GOOD COACHING

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WHEN A STAR BURNS TOO BRIGHT

SITUATION

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.

QUERY

- 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?

ACTION

- Distribute copies to parents at the next youth sports event you attend.
- Send it to friends involved in youth sports and ask their opinions.
- Share this case and discuss these questions with your child.
- Share your opinion at www.positivecoach.org/CaseStudies.aspx or via e-mail to casestudy@positivecoach.org. PCA will publish all civil responses on our website.



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About the National Conversation

Positive Coaching Alliance and its partners in the National Conversation distribute Case Studies periodically to stimulate conversation among youth and high school sports parents, coaches and leaders about the elements of good (and bad) coaching. If you share our goal that youth athletes receive the best coaching available, help us get these case studies to people you know who are involved with youth sports. Thank you.