

# US Lacrosse & Positive Coaching Alliance

## NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON GOOD COACHING

CASE STUDY #12 | APRIL 2009

### 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](http://www.positivecoach.org/CaseStudies.aspx) or via e-mail to [casestudy@positivecoach.org](mailto:casestudy@positivecoach.org). PCA will publish all civil responses on our website.
- All case studies can also be accessed at [www.uslacrosse.org/programs](http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs).



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#### About the National Conversation

US Lacrosse and Positive Coaching Alliance 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.