

WHAT IF YOU LOSE THE GAME WHEN YOU PLAY TO WIN?

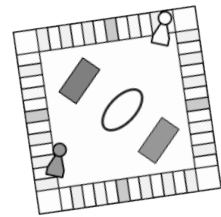
Playing a game should be fun for all the players, including the ones who lose. It's not possible to be a winner all the time!

The importance of playing fairly, not being a sore loser, and learning from losing are things you might need to remind some players about from time to time! 😊



A Few Main Points:

- It's okay to want to win!
- It's okay to feel bad when you lose.
- It's important to behave like a good loser even when you feel bad.
- It is just as important to be a kind winner!
- It's not okay to cheat!
- Sore losers, poor winners, and people who cheat might find friends no longer want to play with them.



Encouraging Good Sportsmanship:



- Play games with your child and discuss their feelings when they lose (and win!)
- If your child wants to stop playing because he or she is losing, explain why it is important the game is played to completion.
- When your child wins a game, offer congratulations and praise, and show your child what it looks like to lose graciously. Don't allow them to win unfairly; children need to learn how to lose!
- If you see your child cheating or being unsportsmanlike, find time to discuss this behavior with them. Sharing your feelings or a story about when you didn't enjoy losing can help!

