

**PLAY LIKE  
A CHAMPION  
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports

## Champion Parent Note

Educating Parents and Developing Champion Athletes

### Wisdom for Sport Parents From a Legend



**This week's video** features the legendary baseball player and manager Frank Robinson who last week passed from this earthly world. So great were his contributions to the game of baseball and society that in 2005, Robinson was awarded the *Presidential Medal of Freedom* the highest civilian honor any American can receive. Robinson was given the award for "setting a lasting example of character in athletics." Robinson sat down with us for a video series in which he shares advice for sport parents. Here are a few highlights:

Sports are an outstanding activity for children!  
Allow your child to play the sport they choose (not the one you choose for them).  
Respect your child's coach as responsible for the team's development.

The Sport Parent's proper role is to:  
Enjoy the game.  
Cheer for the whole team.  
Encourage your child's effort.  
Remember winning is not the most important thing!

The Play Like a Champion family expresses our gratitude for the legacy of Frank Robinson in setting records and in breaking barriers.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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### Play Like a Champion Blog

Frank Robinson was a civil rights pioneer.  
Unfortunate statistics show a new era of

segregation is taking place in American youth sport, excluding children who are not able to "pay to play". See our [Play Like a Champion Blog post](#) to learn more about this sport legend and the unfortunate trend in today's sport culture.

Visit our [blog](#) for a number of stories that highlight the latest news from our Play Like a Champion sport community as well as the world of youth sport. We show you "the good, the bad and sometimes the ugly" reality of the current culture of sport for our children.



**We welcome guest bloggers! If you have an idea or a blog post you would like to share, please email us at [information@playlikeachampion.org](mailto:information@playlikeachampion.org)!**

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## Weekly Scripture

***Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to take the prize. Everyone who competes in the games trains with strict discipline. They do it for a crown that is perishable, but we do it for a crown that is imperishable.***

**~ 1 Corinthians 9:24-25**

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## Quotes from a Legend



*"I always tried to do the best. I knew I couldn't always be the best, but I tried to be."*

*"Pitchers did me a favor when they knocked me down. It made me more determined. I wouldn't let that pitcher get me out. They say you can't hit if you're on your back, but I didn't hit on my back. I got up."*

*"It's nice to come into a town and be referred to as the manager of the Cleveland Indians instead of as the first black manager."*

~ Frank Robinson

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