

# TALKING POINTS

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## WEEK SIX: HONORING THE GAME

- A Triple-Impact Competitor® makes the game better by how he or she competes.
- We use the word **ROOTS** to remind us what Honoring the Game is all about.
- R is respect for the **Rules**. We don't bend the rules to win even if we think we can get away with it.
- The first O is for **Opponents**. We try to see our opponents as a gift that makes us better. We can't be our best unless we have an opponent that pushes us. That's why we think of a worthy opponent as a gift.
- The second O is **Officials**. We show respect for officials even when they make a mistake that hurts our team.
- The T is for **Teammates**. We don't do anything on or off the field that will embarrass our teammates.
- S is the most important. S is for **Self**. We Honor the Game even when it's hard because it's important to us to be the kind of person and team that Honors the Game. I don't want you to Honor the Game to make me happy. I want you to Honor the Game because it's important to you!
- This week in practice I'm going to give you some chances to Honor the Game. I may intentionally make some bad calls when we are playing to see if you are still able to Honor the Game. Do you think you will be able to keep your cool if I make some really bad calls?

### Discussion Points

- **Why is it important that we Honor the Game?**
- **What do the letters in ROOTS stand for?**
- **Do you agree with me that we want to be a team that Honors the Game? Why?**

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