

[NAME] High School Athletic Department

Parent – Coach Communication

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other's, and provide greater benefit to the students at [SCHOOL NAME]. As parents, when your son(s) and daughter(s) become involved in our athletic program, you have the right to understand the coach's expectations.

Communication You Should Expect From the Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach for all levels of play
2. Expectations the coach has for your son/daughter and the team.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Transportation procedures and fees (if applicable.)
5. Team requirements (i.e. special equipment)
6. Procedures should your son/daughter become injured during practice or a game.
7. Discipline measures (i.e., missing practice, being late, etc.)

Communication Our Coaches Expect From Parents/Guardians

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
3. Specific concerns in regard to coach's philosophy and/or expectations

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With Coaches

1. Treatment of your son/daughter
2. Ways to help your student improve and handle team membership roles
3. Concerns about the student's behavior

It may be difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you had hoped. Coaches are professionals and they make judgment decisions based on what they believe is best for all students involved, and we ask that you support their decisions. Below are areas that are left up to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches

1. Playing time; line-ups, and player rotation
2. Team strategy and/or play calling
3. Other student-athletes