

Inappropriate issues to discuss

with the coaches / advisors

As already stated, there are concerns that can and should be discussed. Other issues such as the following should be left up to the discretion of the coach.

- Playing time
- Team strategy
- Play calling
- Other student participants
- Confrontational issues

Some situations may require a conference between the parent and coach. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position when the conference is initiated. The following procedure should be used to help promote a resolution to the problem.

Procedures used to discuss a concern

with a coach or advisor

- **24 HOUR RULE**— *Do not confront a coach or advisor during an event, immediately after an event, or before-during-after a practice. Call the athletic director to set up a meeting at least 24 hours after the event or practice has ended.*
- If the athletic director cannot be reached, call the principal.
- If the parent-coach-athletic director meeting does not reach a satisfactory resolution, call to make an appointment with the principal.
- At this meeting, the parent, coach, athletic director, and the principal will discuss the issue and try to reach a satisfactory resolution.

PHILOSOPHY

Participation in school activities is one of the most accurate predictors of success later in life. Each co-curricular activity is a very important part of a student's education.

Students will learn work ethic, teamwork, sportsmanship, interpersonal relationships, responsibility, and persistence. These character traits help promote a successful life.

The coaches and advisors want students to have a very positive experience while participating in activities and athletics at Emmett High School. With your help and the positive support of the staff, the experience can be rewarding for everyone involved.

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INFORMATION EXCHANGE Parent - Coach Protocol

Parent ▪ Coach ▪ Advisor

PROMOTING

- **Sportsmanship**
- **Character**
- **Integrity**
- **Dignity**
- **Communication**

Sportsmanship ▪ Character ▪ Integrity ▪ Dignity ▪ Communication

Sportsmanship

Treat others as you would like to be treated. This is the *Golden Rule* in activities and athletics. Remember, when you compete against your opponents, they are just that...*opponents*. They are not enemies.

Rules in each sport are fair and officials are present to ensure these rules are enforced. Many officials for high school sports could be still learning, so they make mistakes, as we all do. At such times, we need to respect the official's decision even if it is not one with which we agree.

**Those with good sportsmanship
have empathy for others.**

Character

A person with notable character behaves morally, ethically, and honestly in all situations, both public and private.

Integrity

A person with integrity is honest with himself/herself and prefers to tell the truth rather than maintain a falsely harmonious relationship with other individuals.

Dignity

A person with dignity possesses a "touch of class" and demonstrates self-confidence. This person has self-control, self-respect, and consideration for others by remaining calm in tense situations.

The Parent – Coach / Advisor Relationship

Both the parent and the coach are committed to bringing out the best in the student-athlete. The most beneficial environment in which a young person can improve occurs when the parent and the coach establish a mutual understanding of each other's responsibilities.

Parents have the right to expect clear communication from coaches. Likewise, coaches will better communicate with parents when they are made aware of family concerns. Undoubtedly, if parents and coaches work toward these goals, the student-athlete will benefit greatly.

Communication

What you should expect from a coach / advisor

- Co-curricular participation policies and eligibility requirements
- Coach's philosophy
- Coach's expectations of your son or daughter, as well as for all of the members of the team or group
- Locations and times of practices, contests, and meetings
- Team requirements, fees, special equipment, appropriate dress, mannerisms, and behavior when traveling
- Procedures to follow should an injury occur during participation
- Discipline matters that could result in the non-participation of your son or daughter during practice or games.

Communication coaches / advisors

should expect from parents

- Expression of concerns directly to coach or advisor
- **Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance of practice or events, Attendance/ Commitment will be paramount!**
- Specific concern in related to a coach's or advisor's philosophy or expectations

While involved in an athletic or extracurricular program, students will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. There will also be moments when events do not go the way students or parents would prefer.

During these situations, a timely and respectful discussion with the coach will most likely bring about a clearer understanding of the issues and the positions of all involved. This, in turn, may make a positive resolution more feasible.

Appropriate concerns to address

with coaches / advisors

- Treatment of your son or daughter
- Ways to help your son or daughter
- Behavior concerns

Sometimes it is very difficult to accept that your son or daughter is not playing as much as you had hoped. Remember, coaches are professionals and they make decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all of the students involved. Do not live through your child, let them live through you!