



Parenting & coaching are very difficult vocations. The goal of both is to find what benefits students the best & in order to accomplish this there must exist clear defined roles with clear established lines of communication.

Communications you should expect from your student-athletes Coach:

1. Philosophy of the Coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child & the team
3. Location & times of all practices & games
4. Team requirement, ex: practices, special equipment, out of season training, etc.
5. Procedures to follow should your student-athlete be injured
6. Discipline that may result in the denial of your student-athletes participation

Communications coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations
3. Notification of any illness, injuries or missed practices

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. Ways to help your child improve
2. Concerns about your child's grades
3. Concerns about your child's behavior

It's very difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you hope. Coaches are professionals & must make judgement calls based on what is best for the whole team. The list above shows things that can & should be discussed with your coach. Other things such as the list below must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with the Coach:

1. Playing Time
2. Team Strategy
3. Play Calling
4. Other Student-Athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between coach & parent & are encouraged. It's important that both parties have a clear understanding of the others position.

If you have a concern to discuss with the coach, the procedure should follow as is:

1. Email or call the Coach & set up an appointment.

2. If the Coach cannot be reached, email or call the Athletic Director,
3. Please **DO NOT** attempt to confront a Coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both parent & Coach. Meetings of this nature do not lead to resolutions. Please use a 24-hr cooling period.

What a parent can do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution:

- Email or call the Athletic Director & he will set up a meeting with the parent, student-athlete & coach. The AD will attempt to mediate a resolution.