



# Manhasset Public Schools

## Interscholastic Athletics - Communication Protocol

The Manhasset School District is committed to supporting our Student-Athletes so they grow and achieve their personal best, while providing experiences for them to develop the skills necessary to succeed today as well as beyond their high school years. Success, both on and off the field, is the cornerstone of the District's mission in interscholastic athletics.

Our goals are to:

- Promote positive sporting behavior and citizenship
- Build strong character, leadership, resiliency, and teamwork
- Promote self-advocacy by developing a Student-Athlete's communication and problem-solving skills
- Provide a safe and supportive environment

Effective communication is vital, both to ensuring we meet our goals and in creating positive, successful partnerships among Student-Athletes, their Coaches, the Athletic Director, and the Parents/Guardians of Student-Athletes.

### Student-Athlete Communication with their Coach(es)

Student-Athletes may communicate with their Coach(es) at any mutually agreed upon time. The following topics are welcomed and highly encouraged for discussion between the Student-Athlete and their Coach(es):

- The Student-Athlete's current role on the team
- How and what the Student-Athlete can do to improve
- Notification of any schedule conflicts
- Any academic struggles the Student-Athlete may be experiencing
- Any issues that might be taking place within the team

### Communication Protocol

If a Student-Athlete has items to discuss with their Coach(es), the following communication steps are to be followed:

<b>First Step</b>	<i>Student-Athlete</i> speaks in person with their Coach(es)
<b>Next Step (if necessary)</b>	<i>Student-Athlete and their Parent/Guardian</i> meet <u>together</u> with the Coach(es)
<b>Final Step (if necessary)</b>	<i>Student-Athlete, Parent/Guardian and the Coach(es)</i> meet <u>together</u> with the Athletic Director

### Parent/Guardian Communication with the Coach(es)

A Parent/Guardian may discuss issues with the Coach(es) specifically pertaining to their Student-Athlete, such as individual health or safety, assistance with college recruitment process, or ways for their Student-Athlete to improve their performance. The following topics are **not appropriate** for a Parent/Guardian to discuss with the Coach(es) and, therefore, are not open for discussion, whether in person, electronically by text or email message, in season or out of season:

- Team member selection or team Captain selection
- Playing time
- Play calling or team strategy
- Other Student-Athletes

**Unless there is a specific health or safety concern, a 24 hour moratorium immediately following an athletic competition or a particular practice will be adhered to on all Parent/Guardian communications, to request a respectful conversation/conference with the Coach(es).**

**Acknowledged & Agreed:** Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_