

PARENT COMMUNICATION GUIDE

Appropriate concerns to discuss with the coach

- Behavior of your child
- Injury or safety concerns
- Mental /emotional treatment of your child
- Ways to help or improve your child or situation

Inappropriate issues to discuss with the coach

- Playing time / position assignment
- Coach philosophy, Coach strategy, Coach play calling
- Discussion about other team members / players

Procedure/Chain of Command to follow if you need to talk with the coach

1. Contact the Head Coach
2. Contact the Athletic Director
3. Contact the Principal
4. Contact the Superintendent

Always start with your child's head coach as they will know the most about your concern or situation. Most times situations can be talked out by hearing both sides of the story or situation.

If the meeting or conversation does not provide a satisfactory resolution, contact the Athletic Director.

Meetings will not be held on game days either before or after a contest. These can be emotional times for both coaches and parents.

Please understand that an agreement may not always be reached, but a phone call or meeting does afford the opportunity for a productive discussion. Both sides will have a better understanding of the situation.

Athletics is one of the best ways for young people to take risks and deal with successes, challenges, and disappointment. The consequences are not fatal. They are not permanent. Encourage your son/daughter through questionable times and use as an educational tool for their growth.

