



Central Catholic

PARENT • COACH COMMUNICATION POLICY

Parent/Coach Relationships:

Both Parenting and coaching are extremely important vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to student-athletes. As parents, when your student-athlete becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your student-athlete. This begins with clear communication with all coaches.

Communication You Should Expect from Your Student-Athlete's Coach:

1. Philosophy of the Coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your student-athlete as well as all the players on the team
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests
4. Team requirements: fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning
5. Procedures should your student-athlete be injured during participation
6. Consequences that result if a student-athlete violates teams rules or does not meet team expectations.

Communication Coaches Should Expect from Parents:

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

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches:

1. The treatment of your student-athlete, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your student-athlete improve.
3. Concerns about your student-athlete's behavior.

It is difficult to accept your student-athlete's is not playing as much as you may have hoped. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain concerns can be and should be discussed with your student-athlete's coach.

Issues and Concerns Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling.
4. Other student-athletes



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There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of your concern. Your student-athlete must be present at the meeting.

Parent – Coach Issues/Concerns Procedures:

1. Student-Athlete and Coach Meet
2. Student-Athlete, Parent, and Coach Meet (24 Hour Rule must be followed.)
3. Student-Athlete, Parent and Coach will schedule meeting with the Athletic Director

Please do NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. The meeting to begin this process must be scheduled on a mutually agreed-upon date (24 Hour Rule).

Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Your child will learn values such as hard-work, teamwork, sportsmanship, interpersonal relationships, honesty, and striving for success. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided will make both your child's and your experience with Central Catholic High School Athletic programs more enjoyable. With your help and positive support of the staff here at Central Catholic High School, the experience will be rewarding for all.
