

PROCEDURES FOR DISCUSSING CONCERNS WITH COACHES

- When applicable, have your child meet with the coach to express his/her concerns. It is important for our young men and women to learn to advocate for themselves.
- If a resolution is not met, call the coach to set up an appointment. Call the main number of the school and ask for the coach's extension.
- If the coach cannot be reached, call the Campus Athletic Coordinator to arrange a meeting.
- Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions.

THE NEXT STEP

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

- Call the Campus Athletic Coordinator
- If unsatisfied with Coordinator's response, call the appropriate Principal. Additional steps can be taken from that point.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Make sure your child understands that win or lose, you love him or her.
- Be realistic about your child's athletic ability.
- Help your child set realistic goals.
- Emphasize 'improved' performance, not winning.
- Don't relive your own athletic past through your child.
- Control your emotions at games and events.
- Be a 'cheerleader' for your child and for other children on the team.
- Respect your child's coaches. Communicate with them in a positive way. Encourage others to do the same.
- Be a positive role model.
- Be sensible, responsible, and keep your priorities in order. There is a lot more at stake than a win or loss.

Sportsmanship begins with respect for yourself and for others.

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PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION GUIDE



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PARENT COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching can be quite trying at times. By understanding and respecting the position of both parents and coaches, children are better served through their experience in athletics. Clear communication between parents and coaches can help all understand the position of the other and enhance the positive experience that can be gained from participation in athletics.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

- Philosophy of the coach.
- Expectations and goals the coach has for your child as well as the team and season.
- Location and times of all practices and games.
- Team requirements, special equipment, strength and conditioning programs.
- Procedure if your child is injured during participation.
- Team rules, guidelines, and consequences for infractions.
- Team selection process.

COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- Notifications of any schedule conflicts in advance.
- Notification of any illness or injury as soon as possible.

As your child becomes involved in athletics in Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD, he or she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand there may also be times when things do not go the way your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged. It is the first and most important step to understanding a resolution.

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- The treatment of your child.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your child's behavior.

COACHES ARE EDUCATORS FIRST AND FOREMOST

It is very difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you hope. Coaches are educators. They make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all student-athletes and the educational goals of SCUC ISD. Certain concerns are appropriate to discuss with your child's coach. Other areas such as those listed below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

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

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and player, or coach and parent. These conferences are encouraged. It is important all parents involved have a clear understanding of the other person's position. When a conference is necessary, the procedure outlined within should be used to help resolve any concerns.