

WATERLOO ATHLETICS

PARENT\COACH COMMUNICATION

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Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefits to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the squad.
3. Locations and times of all practices and games.
4. Team requirements, i.e., fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.
6. Disciplinary action that results in the denial of your child's participation.

Communication the coach 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.

As your children become involved in the athletic program in the Waterloo School District, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

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

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all student-athletes involved. As you may have seen from the list above, certain things, such as these in the following paragraph, must be left to the discretion of the coach:

Issues not appropriate to discuss with the coaches:

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

There are situations that require a conference between the coach and the parent. This is encouraged. It is important that both parties 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 concern.

Procedures to follow if you have a concern to discuss with a coach:

1. Call the school to set up an appointment with the coach.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director's office at 939-3455, ext 455.

3. Please do not attempt to confront the coach before or after a practice or game. These confrontations can be emotional for both the parent and the coach. A 24 hour waiting period is needed before a meeting should take place.

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

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting, an appropriate next step will be determined.

We hope the information provided makes both your child's and your experience with the Waterloo School District Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

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FOOTBALL

DAN ROSE

VOLLEYBALL

ANGIE CRAWFORD

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER

CHAD HOLDEN

BOYS GOLF

DAVE STITES

BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS

BRETT IVERS

CHEERLEADING

AMBER HENSIEK

BOYS BASKETBALL

DANE WALTER

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MATT LUCASH

BASEBALL

MARK VOGEL

SOFTBALL

MATT MASON

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

LARRY HUFFMAN

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GIRLS GOLF

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SARAH RENNER

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