



YSLETA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETICS PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION

Parent/Coach Relationship

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 benefit to students. As parents, when your child becomes 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 team.

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 team.
3. Location and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. special equipment, off season conditioning.
5. Procedures should your child be injured during practice or contest.
6. Discipline that could result in the denial of your child's participation.



Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

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

As your children become involved in the programs in the Ysleta Independent 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 and/or situations which you or your child may not agree with. 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 not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things may and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other issues, such as those listed below must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss With Coaches

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 the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others position. When these conferences are necessary, the following is the procedure which should be adhered to in order to help promote a resolution to the issue concern.



If You Have A Concern To Discuss With A Coach You Should

1. Call and set up an appointment with a campus administrator to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood; therefore, these programs have been established. 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 makes both your child's and your experience with the Ysleta ISD Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

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