



## MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

### PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE

*Communications 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 contests
4. Team requirements, i.e. practices, special equipment, out-of-season conditioning
5. Discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation

*Communication coaches expect from parents:*

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

*Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:*

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

*Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with coaches*

1. Playing time
2. Team Strategy
3. Play Calling
4. Other students/athletes

*When you have a concern to discuss with the coach, this is the recommended procedure you should follow:*

1. Call/Email coach to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director (248.644.1954). A meeting will be set up for you.
3. **NEVER** attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution. No meeting will be scheduled until *at least* 24 hours after the incident or contest.

### THE NEXT STEP

*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 (248.644.1954) to discuss the situation.
2. If you are still not satisfied set up an appointment with the assistant head of school.

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