

PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION GUIDE

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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 for your child and all players on squad.
3. Locations and times of practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e., fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Procedures should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that may result in 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 at H.M.H.S. 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 your 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 both 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 students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other issues must be left to the discretion of the coach.

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. Amount of 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 other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the procedures below should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH, PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE

1. A first-hand message can be left for any coach who teaches in the district
2. If the coach does not work in the district, call the athletic office, 429-3960 extension 108 or 107, and leave a message for the coach to contact you.

WHAT STEPS CAN A PARENT TAKE IF THE MEETING WITH THE COACH DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION?

Call the Athletic Director and make an appointment to discuss the situation. At this meeting further appropriate steps can be determined.