

EXPECTATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. Support your student athlete's efforts toward success.
2. Work to promote a positive environment that is conducive to the development of the student athlete.
3. Become familiar with and review the rules and regulations with your student athlete.
4. Communicate any concerns in a timely manner according to district protocol.
5. Treat all coaching personnel with courtesy and respect, and insist your student athlete do the same.

Research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood. 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 in this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the East Penn School District athletic program truly rewarding and enjoyable.



PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION PLAN

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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 athlete program(s), 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.

IF THERE IS A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

1. Student-Athlete must speak directly with the coach first. A coach will not address concerns prior to a conversation with the student-athlete.
2. Email to set up an appointment.
3. If the coach cannot be reached, contact the Athletic Office to assist you in arranging a meeting.
4. Student-Athlete must attend all arranged meetings.
5. Please **DO NOT** attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice.
6. If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call and set up an appointment with the Director of Athletics to discuss the situation.

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS FOR PARENTS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES:

1. The treatment of your child.
2. Emergency / unforeseen circumstance when student-athlete is unable to contact the coach directly.
3. Understanding your child's athletic development.

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACHES:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Other student athletes.
4. Game plans.

COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS:

1. Concerns are to be expressed privately to the coach only after the Student-Athlete has addressed.
 2. Advance notice of any situations that may hinder participation in practice, games and or team sponsored events.
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COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH:

1. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all players on the team.
2. Locations and times of all practices and contests and team events.
3. Team requirements, i.e. practices, special equipment, out of season workouts.
4. Disciplinary actions that may result in the denial of your child's participation.

POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO EXPECT WHEN THE PARENT / COACH COMMUNICATION PLAN IS VIOLATED:

1. Written Warning from the Athletic Office.
2. Student-Athlete(s) Suspension for 10% of games. Note, if the violation occurs outside of the regular season the suspension will impact 10% of the forthcoming regular season games.
3. Student-Athlete(s) Suspension from the program for 1 calendar year.

Name of Student-Athlete (please print):

Signature of Student-Athlete:

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian:
