

Parent/Coach Communication Plan

DISTRICT STATEMENT:

Parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to children.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COACHING STAFF:

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all players on the team.
3. Locations and times of practices and contests.
4. Team requirements: i.e. practices, special equipment, and out-of-season conditionings.
5. Procedure followed should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline, which may result in the denial of your child's participation.

As your child becomes involved in the programs offered by the West Branch Area School District, he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand 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 FOR DISCUSSION:

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 sometimes very difficult to accept your child is 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 student athletes involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those on the next list, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH:

1. Playing time.
2. Team Strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other Student-Athletes

There are situations, which 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 following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue or concern.

FOR CONCERNS REGARDING DISCUSSION WITH THE COACH. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. The West Branch School District telephone number is (814) 345-5615.
3. If the coach cannot be reached, call the athletic director at 345-5615 ext 1006. A meeting will be scheduled for you.
4. Please do not approach a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both parents and the coaching staff. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolutions.

THE NEXT STEP: WHAT A PARENT CAN DO IF THE MEETING WITH THE COACH DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION:

Call and schedule an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation. We hope the information provided in this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the West Branch Area School District athletic programs less stressful and more enjoyable.

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

Mr. David L. Williamson	Athletic Director
Ms. Ashlee McQuown	Athletic Trainer
Ms. Stephanie Graboski	Cheerleading
Ms. McKenzie Walker	Cheerleading
Ms.	Cheerleading
Mr. Kevin Hubler	Football
Mr. Clark Dale	Girls Soccer
Mr. Norman Emigh	Baseball
Mr. Bill Myers	Softball
Mr. Terry Trude	Volleyball
Mrs. Jane Catanzaro	B/G Cross Country
Mr. Adam Carr	B/G Track and Field
Mr. Jason Baine	Wrestling
Mr. Justin Koleno	Girls Basketball
Mr. Dan Clark	Boys Basketball
Mrs. Jane Catanzaro	Jr. High G Basketball
Mr. Eric McCracken	Jr. High B Basketball
Mr. Dan Betts	Jr. High Softball
Mr.	Jr. High Wrestling
Mr. Andy Chimenti	Jr. High Football