

LINES OF COMMUNICATION-AHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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. This begins with clear communication.

Communications you should expect from your child's coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child and the team
3. Locations and times of all practices and games
4. Team requirement, i.e., practices, special equipment, out-of-season training
5. Procedures to follow should your child be injured during participation
6. Discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation

Communications coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations
3. Notification of any illness or injuries or missed practices

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. 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 best for all students-athletes involved. As you have seen from the above list, certain things can be and should be discussed with your coach. Other things, such as the one listed below, 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 that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position.

If you have a concern to discuss with the coach, the procedure you should follow is:

1. Email or call the coach and set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, email or call the Athletic Director, Warren Reed at Warren_Reed@chino.k12.ca.us or (909) 627-3584 ext. 2607.
3. Please do NOT 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. Please use the 24 hour cooling off rule in these situations.

What a parent can do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution:

- Email or call the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will set up a meeting with the parent, student-athlete and the coach. The Athletic Director will attempt to mediate a resolution.

Research indicates a student involved in athletics has a greater chance for success during adulthood. Many character traits required to be successful participants are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope this information makes both your child's and your experience with the athletic programs less stressful and more enjoyable.