

# BREBEUF JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## HIERARCHY OF COMMUNICATION

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 a greater benefit to your child. As parents, when your child becomes involved in an athletic program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication for your child's coaches.

Communication 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 contests.
4. Explanation on any major changes in role.
5. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning, criteria for lettering.
6. Procedures should your child be injured during participation.

Communication coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns should always be expressed directly to the coach, not to other parents or players.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and 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, position(s) played, etc.
2. Team strategy
3. Other student athletes

Procedure for conference with coaches:

1. Make sure your child has met with his coach(s) first.
2. Call the coach to set up an appointment.
3. Do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a practice or contest. These can be emotional times for the coach and parent. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution, only conflict.
4. If the coach does not respond in a reasonable amount of time, please contact the AD.

Next Steps:

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

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director and head coach to discuss the situation. Please do not contact the Principal or President without prior contact with the AD.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.