

## PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION PLAN

Communication that you should expect from your child's coach:

1. Pre-season parent meeting.
2. Philosophy of the coach.
3. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all of the players on the team.
4. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
5. Phone or voice mail numbers to call.
6. Team requirements, i.e. practices, special equipment, out-of-season conditioning.
7. Discipline policy.
8. High School and MHSAA policy and guide lines.

Communication coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification to the coach of any schedule conflict well in advance.
3. Specific concerns with regard to the 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 that is not appropriate to discuss with coaches:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student athletes.

When you have a concern to discuss with the coach, this is the recommended procedure that you should follow:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director. A meeting will be set up for you. *Note: Please do not attempt to confront the coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both parent and coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.*

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

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
2. If you are still not satisfied, set up an appointment with the building Principal