



CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents' Code of Conduct

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thess. 5:23

- Parents attending athletic contests are expected to speak and act as representatives of the Lord and SCS. Expectations of fans can be no less than those for players, coaches and officials as they respond to the events of the contest.
- Parents are expected to support not only their children but also the team, the coach, and SCS.
- Parents should not be verbally arrogant or verbally abusive to any person (including players and guests representing the opposing team) at a contest.
- Parents are expected to deal with their concerns with the person most directly involved before taking their concerns to those not involved.
- Parents are expected to help their children learn dependability, promptness, and accountability by being aware of the practice and game schedule and other responsibilities.

How to best support your student/athlete

- Be a source of encouragement for your child.
- Never be negative when discussing any child's performance.
- Realize that all players cannot be on the "starting team", but each player is important to the team's success.
- Never criticize another child's performance.
- Contact a coach in private if there is a question concerning a coach's policy or decision.
- Shout encouragement from the sidelines, but never coach or condemn a child during the game.
- Show proper Christian sportsmanship and respect at all times to officials, opponents, and SCS staff, players, parents and guests.

How to communicate with your coach

- **Read the attached page on Pride and Tradition at SCS on how to communicate issues with your coach and the school regarding athletics.**

Pride and Tradition at Statesville Christian School

Both 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. As parents, when your child become involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your son or daughter. This begins with a clear communication form the coach of the child's program.

Things you should expect from your child's coach;

- Philosophy of the coach.
- Location and times of all practices and contests.
- Team Requirements; e.g. practices, equipment needed and out of season conditioning.
- Procedures followed should your child be injured during participation.
- Discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation.

As your son or daughter becomes involved with athletics here at SCS they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is often just one moment that lives with a child forever. It is most important that they understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wish. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Examples of things to discuss with your child's coach:

- The treatment of your son or daughter mentally and physically.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your son or daughter's attitude.
- Academic support, college opportunities.

It is very difficult to accept your child not playing as much or where you might have hoped. Many times a child has great success early and then others catch up or competition gets stiffer. Coaches in our athletic department are making judgments based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. As you have seen from these lists certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things should be left to the discretion of the coach.

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. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to promote a resolution.

Things coaches should expect from you;

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific concerns with regard to a coach's expectations.

Examples of what you should NOT discuss with your child's coach

- Team strategy.
- Playing time.
- Other student-athletes and their role on the team.

Procedures for setting up a conference with your child's coach

- Call the school to set up an appointment. Coaches will not leave class but will return your call as soon as possible.
- If the coach cannot be reached call the Athletic Director. A meeting will be arranged.
- Please do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These are often emotional times and do not promote a resolution to the problem.
- If this does not provide a satisfactory solution, the next step is to call and set up a meeting with the activities director to discuss the situation.
- Practices are closed to the public but you can certainly stop by and check on your child from time to time.

Often times the Athletic Director is in attendance at the games. He is there to see the culmination of hours of work in preparing for your child to participate. Scheduling, game management, officials, equipment, and the safety of participants are utmost on his mind. He is also there to enjoy the game. ***Please do not discuss problems with the Athletic Director at this time. Make an appointment and come in during office hours. The door is always open.***