

ROXANA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Parent/Athlete/Coach Communication Guide

We must have a sincere commitment from all athletes, parents, coaches and administrators. For us to be successful, effective communication must occur.

The school athletic department and administration believe strongly in being accessible to parents and supportive of the coaching staff.

We must continually attempt to improve communication with students and parents.

Parent Expectations

Expect your child's coach to inform you:

1. When and where practices are being held.
2. About his/her coaching philosophy.
3. The expectations that he/she has for the members of the team.
4. What is required to be part of the team.
5. If your child is injured in a game or practice.
6. Whenever any disciplinary problems are impacting your athlete's opportunity to participate on the team.

Appropriate concerns that a parent may discuss with a coach

1. Any unhealthy mental or physical strain you detect at home.
2. How you can contribute to your child's skill improvement and development.
3. Any dramatic changes you detect in your child's behavior.

Our Expectations

A. It is *inappropriate* to discuss with a coach:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy or play calling.
3. Other student athletes.

B. Coaches need parents to tell them:

1. Any specific health concerns.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Your commitment to the program and how you can make a contribution to the program's success. An example is that you will make sure your child is at practice on time and that he/she eats properly and gets enough rest. That you will not bad mouth the coaches or teammates of your child.

C. If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, what procedure should you follow?

1. Make an appointment with the coach. Do not approach a coach after a contest.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director to set up a meeting.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or after a game or practice. These can be busy and emotional times for both parties. This may not promote objective analysis of the situation.

D. What should you do if the meeting with the coach does not result in a resolution to the problem?

1. Call and set up a meeting with the Athletic Director.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Contact the Athletic Office with your questions or concerns:
Athletic Director, Chad Ambuehl: 618-254-7553
Athletic Secretary, Stephanie Palmer: 618-254-7553

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