

## **Administration**

Principal: Michael Wayne  
Asst. Principal: Tania Shepherd  
Bill Nunamaker  
Dean of Students: Brian Cooney  
Dave Jones  
Melissa Calvert  
Athletic Director: Darren Howard  
Asst Athletic Director: Mark Johnson  
Athletic Secretary: Sarah Miller  
Athletic Trainers: Brian Cronin  
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## **Phone Numbers**

Athletic Office: 630-636-2023

Athletic Fax: 630-636-2094

## **Athletic Website:**

[il.8to18.com/oswego](http://il.8to18.com/oswego)

## **Athletic Twitter:**

**OHS Athletics@OHS\_GoPanthers**

## **Head Coach for Each Sport**

Badminton: Scott Freischlag  
Baseball: Mark Johnson  
Bass Fishing: Tyler Boyle  
Boys Basketball: Matt Borrowman  
Girls Basketball: Chad Pohlmann  
Boys Bowling: T.J. Arnold  
Girls Bowling: Dan Okoren  
Competitive Cheer: Teri Daniels  
Sideline Cheer: Kristen Wilson  
Boys Cross Country: Dan Whipple  
Girls Cross Country: Eric Simon  
Dance: Stephanie Hageman  
Football: Brian Cooney  
Golf: Chad Pohlmann  
Gymnastics: Sarah Dugan  
Girls Soccer: TBD  
Boys Soccer: Brian Falli  
Softball: Denise McCance  
Boys/Girls Swim: Deryl Leubner  
Boys Tennis: Kevin Ranney  
Girls Tennis: Maureen Wagner  
Boys Track: Jeff Edwards  
Girls Track: Jamie Bechina  
Girls Volleyball: Traci Weiss  
Boys Volleyball: Zach Splitt  
Wrestling: Andrew Cook

# **Oswego High School**

## **Athletics**

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# **Parent - Coach Communication Pamphlet**

## **Parent/Coach Relationship**

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 student-athletes. As parents, when your child becomes involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's team.

### **Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach**

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the team.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, fees, equipment, etc.
5. Procedures should your child be injured during practice or a contest.
6. Discipline which results in the denial of your child's participation.

### **Communication Coaches Expect From Parents**

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your child becomes involved in the programs at Oswego, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

### **Appropriate Concerns to**

#### **Discuss with Coaches**

1. The treatment of your child mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve his/her skills.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgments based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

#### **Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches**

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 parent and these are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

## **If You Have a Concern to**

### **Discuss With a Coach**

Please follow the procedure listed below.

1. Contact your coach via phone or email to set up an appointment with them during business hours.
2. If the Coach does not return your call, the Athletic Director can be reached at 630-636-2023 number or by e-mail. During the school year, all calls will be returned within 24 hours.

Do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both parties and meetings of this nature usually do not promote resolution.

### **The Next Step**

If your meeting with the Coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, you should call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation. At this meeting, the appropriate next step can be determined.

Research indicates that a student involved in extra-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood; therefore, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided in this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Oswego High School Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.