

Prairiland Patriots Softball

Parent Coach Communications

Individual Parent- Coach Meetings – Although our group meetings will answer many questions and help set the tone for our season, there will be times when parents will have individual questions and concerns. Therefore it is important to know how, when and why to communicate with a coach. In addition, it is important to understand the guidelines for obtaining information so that it is done professionally and positively rather than as a confrontation. First, I ask you to do a little thinking if you have a concern and I ask you to follow our Patriot Softball policies.

1. If appropriate, talk with your daughter about your question. What is her perspective? Can she solve the problem herself?
2. Set up a meeting with the coach if you still have a question. This should be an informational meeting where you ask questions, listen and have a discussion. But, emotions and language must remain professional.
3. If questions remain, unresolved we will contact the Athletic Director. The parents, player, and coaches, should all be present for these meetings.

Guidelines for Questions

- It is fine to ask about the treatment of your child or how your child can improve.
- Asking about her work habits and attitude in practice.
- How do you evaluate my child in terms of offense, defense and team skills?
- What areas does she need to improve in? What drills can she do?

THINGS NOT TO ASK ABOUT

- Game strategies
- Other players

Guidelines on Roles

Coaches' Roles:

1. Set a good example for players and fans.
2. Be positive, fair and consistent.
3. Make playing time decisions with thought.
4. Protect the safety of the athletes.
5. Be a good communicator.
6. Make sure players know the expectations, procedures and rules.
7. Be available for players and parents.

Parents' Roles:

1. Be a fan of everyone on the team.
2. Respect the decisions of officials.
3. Respect other fans, players and coaches.
4. Talk to your child if they have any questions, and if they still have questions, contact the coach properly.
5. **Don't poison the water toward the coach, program or teammates by conversation.**
6. Don't complain to coaches on game day.
7. Be supportive of your child.

Player's Role

1. Be Positive and have a good attitude
2. Support teammates.
3. Work hard all season.
4. If you have questions, ask the coach.
5. Know and follow all rules.
6. Challenge yourself as an athlete.
7. Meet classroom expectations.
8. Notify the coach of any scheduling conflicts.