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Announcements ~

All students must have a physical and waiver of liability on file in the Athletic Office prior to trying out or practicing for a sport. The physical must be dated April 15th or later (school year) Parent and/or guardian as well as student must sign the liability form. (Links to these online forms are at the top of this webpage.)

Note: You may obtain the physical and waiver of liability forms the participation tab under physical forms. Simply print off the forms, complete, and return to your coach or the Athletic Office.

All athletic schedules' dates and times are subject to change.

Parent/Coach Relationship ~

Both parenting and coaching are extremely challenging vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of each other, providing greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, 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 program.

Communication you should expect from your son/daughter's coach ~

Philosophy of the coach

Expectations the coach has for your child and the other players on the squad

Locations and times of all practices and contests

Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning

Procedure should your child be injured during participation

Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation

Communication the coaches expect from parents ~

Concerns, expressed directly to the coach

Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance

Specific concerns regarding a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

As your children become involved in the Woodhaven Athletic program, 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.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others position.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with the coaches ~

- The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- 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 judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved.

While there are certain things which can and should be discussed with your child's coach, and there are other things which must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches ~

- Playing time
- Strategy
- Play calling
- Other student-athletes

When parent-coach 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, the procedure you should ~

- Call the high school to set up an appointment with the coach.
- The Athletic Office telephone number is 734-789-2077 or 734-783-3333, ext. 5.
- If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director, 734-789-2077 or 734-783-3333, ext. 5. A meeting will be set up for you.
- Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

The Next Step ~

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

- 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 students involved in co-curricular activities have a greater chance for success during adulthood. We hope the information provided

within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Woodhaven-Brownstown Public Schools athletic program more enjoyable.

We believe that the Woodhaven-Brownstown School Athletic program helps develop the character traits that promote a successful life after high school.
