

OHSAA Guide – Communicating with the Coach

Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all players on the squad
- Locations and times of all practices and contests
- Team requirements (fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning)
- Procedure should your child be injured
- Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation

Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
- Specific concerns in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Coaches

- The treatment of your child, mentally and physically
- Ways to help your child improve
- Concerns about your child's behavior

Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss With Coaches

- Playing time
- Team strategy
- Play calling
- Other student-athletes

Appropriate Procedures For Discussing Concerns with Coaches

- Call to set up an appointment with the coach (contact the athletic administrator to set up the meeting if unable to reach the head coach)
- Do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice (these can be emotional times for all parties involved and do not promote resolution)

If The Meeting With The Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution

- Call to set up an appointment with the athletic administrator or activities director
- Determine the appropriate next step at this meeting