



St. A's Athletics - Parent Code of Conduct

At St. A's we are committed to fostering a positive and supportive environment for our athletes, coaches, and parents. Effective communication is vital to the success of our athletic programs and the overall development of our young athletes. This Parent Code of Conduct outlines the expectations we have regarding communication between coaches, parents, and athletes.

As parents 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 from Your Child's Coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach and ground rules the coach has for the team.
2. Coaches will provide timely information about practice schedules, game details, and any changes through TeamSnap.
3. Coaches will address any concerns or issues related to your child's participation, performance, and well-being. They will provide constructive feedback and guidance to help athletes grow and improve.
4. Coaches will maintain an open-door policy for athletes and parents to discuss matters related to the team, provided these discussions are held in an appropriate and respectful manner.

Communication Coaches Expect from Parents:

1. Parents are encouraged to be actively engaged and supportive of their child's athletic endeavors. Positive reinforcement and encouragement are highly valued.
2. Communication with coaches should be respectful, courteous, and considerate. If you have concerns, please address them privately and in a non-confrontational manner.
3. If your child is experiencing any challenges or difficulties, please inform the coach in a timely manner. This information can help the coach better support your child's needs.
4. Parents should encourage their athletes to advocate for themselves and address playing time and roles with their coach directly.
5. Questions about playing time, roles, and team dynamics are welcome, but they should be discussed at appropriate times and in a respectful manner.

Communication Matters Left to the Discretion of the Coach:

1. Game strategies, player selections, and playing time allocation are coaching decisions. Parents will refrain from attempting to influence these aspects.
2. Disagreements or concerns about coaching decisions should be addressed privately with the coach rather than during or immediately after games or practices.

Protocol for Communication with Coach and Athletic Director:

1. If you have concerns or issues related to playing time or strategy and feel you need to talk to the coach, **wait 24 hours post-contest or incident prior to contacting the coach.**
2. Set up an **in-person meeting** with the coach to discuss the matter privately and respectfully. You must be willing to meet with the coach in-person to address all matters. Grievances should not be expressed prior to your meeting. Emails, texts, or any written form of communication are not appropriate towards coaches. Remember, these are elementary school coaches who love to coach.



3. If you feel the issue has not been resolved through direct communication with the coach, you may contact the Athletic Director to discuss the matter further.

All communication with the Athletic Director should be conducted through appropriate channels, such as email or scheduled meetings, to ensure a thorough and thoughtful resolution. 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 Athletic Director should be involved only if student-athlete, parent and coach meetings do not provide a satisfactory resolution.

By adhering to this Athletics Parent Code of Conduct, we can work together to create a positive and supportive environment for our athletes, coaches, and parents. Thank you for your commitment to the well-being and growth of our young athletes.