



## Parent & Coach Protocol

### APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

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1. The treatment of your child.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Your child's attitude, work ethic and grade eligibility.
4. Concerns about your child's behavior.

You may become concerned that your child is not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are volunteers. They make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all players involved. Clearly, certain aspects of participation can and should be discussed with your child's coach. However, other issues are more directly the responsibility of the coach.

### ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

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1. Playing time of any athlete.\*Minimum Play Requirements will be met for each child
2. Team strategy, technique, practice-organization, or play selection.
3. Other athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent, and this is encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issues or concern.

### PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IF THERE IS A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

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1. Please encourage your child to speak directly with the coach. Often, concerns can be resolved at this level.
2. Contact the coach to set up an appointment.(see 24/48 RULE below)
3. If the coach cannot be reached, contact the team business manager in arranging a meeting.
4. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a game or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution of concerns.

### PROTOCOL OF MEETINGS

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**24/48 RULE:** After a practice or a game a parent will wait 24 to 48 hours before contacting a coach or team business manager to set up a meeting.

I have read and agree to all expectations above.

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Printed Player Name

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Division/Team

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Printed Parent Name

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Parent Signature