

# Northville High School

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## Our Goal

Since the research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are the same as those that will promote a

successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Northville High School athletic program less stressful and more enjoyable.

# Parent/Coach Communication Guide

## Issues appropriate to discuss with coaches

As your children become involved in the athletic program at Northville High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important that they understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wish. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

◆ . Examples:

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's attitude and/or behavior.

4. Academic support and college opportunities.

## **Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches**

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much or where you would hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgments based upon what they believe to be best for all student/athletes involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things should be left to the discretion of the coach.

◆ . Examples:

1. Team strategy
2. Play calling
3. Other student /athletes

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide 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 child's coach:**

1. Philosophy of the Coach.
2. Locations & times of all practices & contests.
3. Team Requirements.
4. Procedure followed should your child be injured during participation.
5. Discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation.

## **Communication coaches expect from parents:**

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notifications of any schedule conflicts well in advance.

3. Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

## **Parent/Coach Relationship**

### **The Chain of Command**

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are 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 resolution:

1. Call the coach to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach can not be reached call the athletic director. A meeting will be set up for you.
3. 24 Hour Rule.

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 coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution. Please allow 24 hours to pass before contacting the coach.

4. If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, the next step is to call and set up an appointment with the athletic director.
5. The last step.

If you still feel a satisfactory resolution was not provided by the athletic director, you may call and set up an appointment with the principal.

Thank you  
for your support of Northville  
Athletics

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