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PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are 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 communications from the coach of your child's program.

COMMUNICATIONS YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

- 1. Philosophy of the coach.*
- 2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the squad.*
- 3. Location and times of all practices and contests.*
- 4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.*
- 5. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.*
- 6. Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation.*

COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

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

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**APPROPRIATE
CONCERNS TO
DISCUSS WITH
COACHES**

1. The treatment of your child mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. 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. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

**ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE
TO DISCUSS WITH
COACHES**

1. Playing Time
2. Team Strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student-athletes

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 other's position. When these conferences are necessary, use the following procedures:

***FOLLOW THE CHAIN OF COMMAND!**

1. Call coach to set up an appointment.
2. If coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director or Supt. A meeting will be set

Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote resolution. Use some common sense before feelings get hurt!

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