



Catholic Youth Athletic Activities Organization

Parent Meeting Overview

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

1. Coaching and parenting are both very exciting and challenging.
2. It is important for parents to know the main concern of the coach is the entire team and the coach needs to recognize the main concern of the parents is their son/daughter.
3. Coaches may make mistakes throughout the year, but they are never to act in a way that is meant to intentionally hurt your son/daughter.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE COACH

1. Philosophy of the program.
2. Communication of practice times, game times, lifting schedules and team functions.
3. Special requirements for participation – additional fee's, special equipment, extra conditioning.
4. Procedure should your son/daughter become injured.
5. Discipline policies that may result in suspension from contest(s) or dismissal from the team.

COMMUNICATION THE COACH EXPECTS FROM PARENTS

1. Go the coach if you have any questions or concerns.
2. Notify the coach of any schedule conflicts with games or practices well in advance.
3. Concerns you may have about the program's philosophy and expectations.

APPROPRIATE ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH

1. Ways for son/daughter to improve their skills.
2. The treatment of your son/daughter.
3. Concerns about your son/daughter's behavior.

ISSUES LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE COACH

1. Son/daughter's playing time.
2. The position your son/daughter plays.
3. What team they will compete on.
4. Who the starters are and why they start.
5. Confidentiality issues about other players.
6. Game strategies and play calling.

PROCEDURE TO TALK TO THE COACH

1. Call or email the coach and set up an appointment.
2. Do not confront a coach immediately after a game or practice.
3. Talk face to face with the coach rather than over the phone or by email when discussing the problem.
4. Do not get your son/daughter in the middle of the problem.
5. After speaking with the coach, if the issue is not resolved, you should follow your Club guidelines on escalating the issue.
6. If you feel the issue is not resolved after following your club's guidelines, you can contact the Catholic Youth Athletic Activities Organization (CYAO) to have the issue added to the agenda for the next CYAO Board meeting, for further guidance.