

MONONA GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

SILVER EAGLES



***PARENT & COACH/ADVISOR
COMMUNICATION***

PARENT / COACH/ADVISOR RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult responsibilities. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the action of the other and provide greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach/advisor of the program.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Communications You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach/Advisor

1. Philosophy of the coach/advisor.
2. Expectations the coach/advisor has for your child as well as all the players/participants on the team.
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/Advisors Expect from Parents

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

Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Coaches/Advisors

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 or participating as much as you may hope. Coaches/Advisors 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 issues can be and should be discussed with your child's coach/advisor. Other issues, such as those on the following page, must be left to the discretion of the coach/advisor.

Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss with Coaches/Advisors

1. Playing time or participation.
2. Team Strategy.
3. Play Calling.
4. Other students involved in the program.

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

If you have Concern To Discuss With A Coach/Advisor, Follow The Procedures Listed Below:

1. Call the High School (221-7666) to set up an appointment with the coach/advisor. You may also email the coach/advisor.
2. If the coach/advisor cannot be reached, call the Activities Director. They will set up the meeting for you.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach/advisor before or after a contest or performance. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach/advisor. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote appropriate resolution.

THE NEXT STEP

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach/advisor did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

1. Contact and set up an appointment with the Activities Director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.
3. Who attends meeting? – Activities Director, Coach(s)/Advisor, Parent(s) involved, and the student

Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be successful participants are exactly 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 Monona Grove High School Athletic Program more enjoyable.