

## If You Have A Concern To Discuss With A Coach, This Is The Procedure You Should Follow

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, the following procedure should be used to help promote a resolution of the issue:

1. Call to set up an appointment with the coach.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the HS Athletic Office at 591-1809. MS Athletics at 591-1708.
3. 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 the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.
4. Use the 24-hour rule-wait to discuss a situation with a coach until 24 hours after the contest.

### What Can A Parent Do If The Meeting With The Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution?

1. Call and set up an appointment to meet with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation. HS inquires at 591-1809 and MS inquires at 591-1708.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined if the situation is still unresolved.

## Expectations For Swartz Creek Community Schools Student/Athletes

The following ten expectations are what a Swartz Creek Community School student/athlete should encompass:

1. Follow all training rules, school rules and regulations
2. Exhibit good sportsmanship towards the opponents, officials, teammates and fans
3. Work to excel in academics
4. Put team goals ahead of personal goals
5. Be a role model for all students before, during and after school
6. Have pride in yourself, your team, your school and care for your facility
7. Respect, but never fear the opponent
8. Work harder than the competition, both in and out of season, and never quit
9. Be on time and prepared for practices, meetings and games
10. Accept the results, learn from the mistakes, focus on the goal and never give up.

***Work Hard  
Play Safe  
Respect the Opponent  
Respect the Official  
Accept the Results  
Learn from the Mistakes  
Focus on the Goal!***



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## Guide for Parent/Coach Communication



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## **Athletic Philosophy**

The interscholastic athletic program at Swartz Creek Community Schools is a vital and integral part of the total educational program. Research indicates a student involved in extracurricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school.

The purpose of interscholastic athletics is to make a positive contribution to the development of the participants, spectators, school and community.

As an integral part of the educational process, the athletic program should always conform and support the objectives and standards of the school. The total educational curriculum must take precedence to the athletic program. Athletes should strive for educational excellence, playing excellence, as well as staying within the boundaries of good sportsmanship.

We hope the information provided here makes both your child's and your experience with the Swartz Creek Community Schools athletic program less stressful and more enjoyable.

## **Parent Code**

As parents of students at Swartz Creek Community Schools, we understand that attending any school activity or athletic event (paid or unpaid) does not give us the right to be unsportsmanlike, abusive physically or verbally to advisors, officials, players, coaches or fans. We understand that attending a Swartz Creek athletic event or extra-curricular activity is a privilege and that school personnel may revoke the privilege temporarily or permanently for inappropriate conduct.

## **Objectives Of Participation**

1. To provide a positive image of school activities at Swartz Creek Community Schools
2. To provide students with opportunities for physical, mental, and emotional development
3. To experience team play along with loyalty, cooperation, and fair play
4. To create a desire to succeed and excel
5. To practice self-discipline and emotional maturity while learning to make decisions under pressure
6. To develop an understanding of the value of extra-curricular activities in a balanced educational experience
7. To demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times
8. To develop leadership qualities and skills

## **Parent/Coach Relationship**

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each role, we are able to communicate the benefits of extra-curricular activities to children. As parents, when your children become involved in the athletic program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communications from the coach.

## **Communication You Should Expect From Your Son/Daughter's Coach**

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests
4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning, etc.
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**

The coach of your child's sport expects to receive the following communications from parents:

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

As your child becomes involved in athletic programs at Swartz Creek Community Schools, he or she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of his or her life.

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.

## **Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Coaches**

1. What the expectations are for your son/daughter during practices and games
2. Ways to help your child improve
3. Concerns about your child
4. Academic support and college opportunities

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 the 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 must be left to the discretion of the coach.

## **Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss With Coaches**

It is inappropriate to discuss the following topics with coaches

1. Team strategy
2. Play calling
3. Other student athletes
4. Playing time