

Overbrook Senior High School Parent-Coach Communication Guide

Parent – Coach Relationship

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 benefits to the student/athlete.

As parents, when your student/athlete gets involved in our sports program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your student/athlete.

This begins with clear communication between coaches and parents.

Communication you should expect from the Coach

Philosophy of the coach

A written Code of Conduct for all the players on the squad (including consequences for violation of the code)

Locations and times of practices and contests.

Communication the Coach should expect from YOU

Concerns expressed directly to the coach

Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance

Specific concerns in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

As your student/athlete becomes involved in the Overbrook High School Athletic Program, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives.

It is important that you understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way your student/athlete wishes. **At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.**

Appropriate concerns to discuss with Coaches

Treatment of your student/athlete - Mentally and Physically

Ways to help your student/athlete improve

Concerns about your student/athlete – Athlete’s behavior

It may be difficult to accept your student/athlete is not playing as much as you hope.

Coaches and professionals: They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all involves.

As you have read the preceding list, certain concerns can and should be discussed with the coach. Other issues must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with Coaches

*Playing Time

*Play Calling

*Team strategy

*Other Students/athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and 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 followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern:

- Call to set up an appointment with the coach. The Overbrook Senior High School telephone number is 856-767-8000.
- If the coach cannot be reached, call Mr. Gary McGaurn, Athletic Director, at 856-767-8000, ext. 3040. He will assist you in setting up a meeting.
- Please DO NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a practice or contest. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.
- If the coach/parent meeting does not provide a satisfactory resolution, please set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to determine the appropriate next step.