

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult endeavors. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to our young men and women. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, expectations are placed on your student-athlete. This begins with clear communication from your student-athlete's coach.

Communication You Should Expect from the Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your student as well as all the players on the squad
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests
4. Team requirements, e.g.: special equipment, off-season expectations
5. Procedure to follow should your student be injured during participation
6. Consistent discipline procedures
7. The availability of the coach to speak with your student if they have a problem

Communication Coaches Expect from Parents

1. Concerns expressed directly, at appropriate times, to the coach
2. Notifications of any schedule conflicts which involve absence from practices or contests well in advance
3. Your support for the program that your student has chosen to participate in and positive encouragement for all involved

As your student-athletes become involved in the athletic teams at Davis Senior High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is also important to understand that there will be times when things do not go the way your student wished. This is the time when your student should talk to his/her coach. This type of communication will help give both coach and athlete a better understanding of each other's ideas and goals.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches

1. Suggested ways to help your student-athlete improve
2. Concerns about your student-athlete's behavior and/or academic progress

It is very difficult to accept that your student-athlete may not play as much as you may have hoped. Our coaches are experienced, professional educators. They are required to

make judgment decisions based upon evaluation of practice performance and what they believe to be in the best interest of all those involved in their programs. As you have read from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your student-athlete's coach. Other items, such as the following, must be left to discretion of the coach:

Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with coaches:

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

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, here is the procedure:

1. Have your student-athlete meet with his/her coach to discuss an issue. (On most occasions, this coach-to-athlete meeting can resolve issues or questions)
2. Call the coach directly to discuss your concerns
3. Please **DO NOT** attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parents and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution

The next step:

What a parent can do if the coach-athlete and parent-coach meetings did not provide satisfactory resolution:

Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director (Jeff Lorensen) and the coach to discuss the situation. At this meeting, issues of concern will be discussed and an appropriate plan of action developed.

The Value of Extracurricular Activities Relating to Future Success

Research indicates that students involved in extracurricular activities have a greater chance for success during adulthood. Many of the positive character traits required to be a successful participant in athletics are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. The information provided in this pamphlet is designed to make your student-athlete's experience in the Davis Senior Athletic Program more enjoyable and beneficial.

**Character
Leadership
Attitude
Scholarship
Service**

Expectations of Parents During Contests:

Sportsmanship toward all officials, visiting fans, and visiting athletes. Fans that are not promoting sportsmanship at the highest level may be asked to leave the contest and denied further contests.

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