

## Parent Expectations and Responsibilities

1. 24 Hour Rule...Parents shall set a meeting time and date with a coach when they have concerns. Parents may not address a coach about a concern after a practice or a game until they have arranged a meeting. Parents and coaches can communicate better when they have had time to collect themselves and their thoughts.

2. Parents shall communicate fairly and openly with coaches by:

- Communicating openly, honestly, and with respect.
- Communicating issues and concerns in a timely manner including those of physical and emotional well-being on behalf of their student.
- Following an appropriate chain of communication such as:

- Parent and Coach/Assistant Coach
- Parent and Athletic Director
- Parent/Principal/Superintendent

- Attending parent meetings and reading information disseminated by the coaches.

2. The parents will demonstrate good sportsmanship by displaying the following behaviors:

- Providing support for coaches and officials in order to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all student athletes.
- Understanding the game is for the students and not for the adults.
- Recognizing that student participation in athletics is a privilege.
- Using good sportsmanship as a spectator and conduct themselves in a manner that reflects well on both the team and the school.
- Promoting the team by being supportive and helpful of the school program.
- Refraining from coaching their student from the stands or sidelines.
- Expecting consistent student attendance at practices and games.

3. The parents will create a positive and supportive environment to promote their student/athlete's well-being by:

- Supporting good conditioning and healthy life style habits.
- Placing the emotional and physical well-being of their student ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Expecting their student to play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Supporting their student in planning how to meet their academic responsibilities given the demands of training and practice.
- Being a role model for other parents by remaining positive at sporting events.