

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory solution?

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Since research indicates a student involved in extracurricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant 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 Hilliard Davidson High School Athletic Program more enjoyable.

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Sportsmanship

Ethics

Integrity

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**Parent/Coach
Communication**

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 children become involved in our athletic program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with a clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Expectations for Our Coaches

1. Sound coaching Philosophy.
2. Coach's expectations of the student-athlete and the team.
3. Team and Administration requirements, i.e. Athletic eligibility, fees, etc.
4. Coaches off-season conditioning program.
5. Procedure for handling injuries.
6. A list of team rules and consequences.
7. Teaching principles of sportsmanship, ethics, good behavior and drug prevention.

In Pursuit of Sportsmanship

Expectations of You as a Parent

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of schedule conflicts well in advance.

3. Specific concerns in coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
4. Encourage your child to discuss concerns with the coach first and promptly.
5. To be a role model to our children during contests and/or practices.
6. Support of the coach's sportsmanship and drug prevention efforts.

As your children become involved in the Athletic Program at Hilliard Davidson High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. 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. The treatment of your child mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.
4. College options and recruiting.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling (Offense or Defense).
4. Other student-athletes.

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If You Have Concerns to Discuss with the Coach, Please Follow This Procedure:

It is often very difficult to accept that your child is not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They spend many hours preparing in and out of season for the success of our student-athletes. They make judgments based on what they believe to be the best for all the athletes involved. If you or your child is unhappy with some aspect of the team, please follow this procedure.

1. Student-athlete approaches the coach with any appropriate concern...
* If they are not satisfied:
2. Parent should call the coach at Hilliard Davidson High School, 771-2273, and set up an appointment to discuss any appropriate concern.
3. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT** to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parents and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not generally result in a mutually profitable outcome.

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