

## **Parent's Expectation:**

1. The parents will encourage their student athlete to be responsible and a good sportsman by:
  - i. Encouraging their student athlete to discuss issues with coaches directly without any parental involvement.
  - ii. Encouraging their student athlete to take ownership of their losses and discouraging them from finding excuses.
  - iii. Encouraging them to always respect coaches' decision.
  - iv. Encouraging them to always respect the referees' calls/decisions.
  - v. Encouraging them to be punctual at practices and matches.
  
2. The parents will communicate fairly and openly with coaches by:
  - i. Communicating openly, honestly, and with respect.
  - ii. Communicating issues and concerns in a timely manner including those of physical and emotional well-being on behalf of their student.
  - iii. Following an appropriate chain of communication such as:
    - a. Parent and Director of Squash/Assistant Coach
    - b. Parent and Athletic Director
    - c. Parent and Principal
  - iv. Attending parents meetings and reading information disseminated by the coaches.
  
3. The parents will demonstrate good sportsmanship by displaying the following behaviors:
  - i. Providing support for coaches and referees in order to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all student athletes.
  - ii. Understanding the game is for the students and not the adults.
  - iii. Recognizing that student participation in athletics is a privilege.
  - iv. Using good sportsmanship as a spectator and conduct themselves in a manner that reflects well on both the team and the school.
  - v. Promoting the team by being supportive and helpful of the program.
  - vi. Refraining from coaching their student during matches and during rallies. Only supportive word of encouragements and not words that entail coaching.
  - vii. Expecting consistent student attendance at practices and games.
  
4. The parents will create a positive and supportive environment to promote their student athlete's well-being by:
  - i. Supporting good conditioning and healthy life style habits
  - ii. Placing the emotional and physical well-being of their student ahead of any personal desire to win.
  - iii. Expecting their student to play in a safe and healthy environment.
  - iv. Supporting their student in planning how to meet their academic responsibilities given the demands of training and practice.
  - v. Being a role model for other parents by remaining positive at sporting events.

**Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches:**

1. Playing position and time of any student-athlete.
2. Team strategy, practice-organization, or challenge matches.
3. Other student-athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent, and this is encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issues or concern.

Procedures to follow if there is a concern to discuss with a coach:

1. Please encourage your child to speak directly with the coach. Often, concerns can be resolved at this level.
2. Contact the coach to set up an appointment.
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 of concerns. If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call to schedule an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.