

GEORGETOWN PREP Parent/Coach Communication

I. PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

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 benefit to our student-athletes. As parents, when your son becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your son's team.

II. COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

- Game schedules
- IAC Code for interscholastic Athletics
- Directions to athletic events
- Athletic department philosophy and procedures
- Training Room Procedures

III. COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR SON'S COACH

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations the coach has for your son as well as the other players on his team
- Locations and times of all practices and contests/travel information

IV. COMMUNICATION COACHES SHOULD EXPECT FROM PARENTS

- Advance notification of any schedule conflict
- Specific concerns in regard to coaches' expectations or philosophy

As your son becomes involved in the athletic program at Georgetown Prep, he will experience some of the most rewarding moments of his life. However, there will be times when your son will encounter adverse situations that may affect his attitude. It is at these times that we encourage you to speak with the coach.

V. APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH

- Ways to help your son improve
- Concerns about your son's behavior or academic progress
- The mental or physical treatment of your son

It is extremely difficult to accept that your son is not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals; they make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be in the best interest for the team and your son.

VI. CONCERNS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- Playing time
- Team strategy
- Play calling
- Other student-athletes

There may be situations that 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 positions. When these conferences are necessary, the procedures listed below should be followed to help promote a resolution of the issue or concern.

VII. IF YOU OR YOUR SON HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH, THE PROCEDURE LISTED BELOW SHOULD BE FOLLOWED

- First, have your son speak with the coach.
- If the issue has not been resolved, make an appointment to meet with the coach.
- 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.

VIII. WHAT CAN A PARENT DO IF THE MEETING WITH THE COACH DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION?

- Call and set up an appointment with the Director of Athletics to discuss the situation.

Since research indicates a student involved in athletics has a greater chance for success during adulthood, Georgetown Prep strongly supports the athletic program. Many of the character traits required to be a successful student-athlete are exactly those that will promote a rewarding life after high school. We trust the information provided within this pamphlet makes both your son's and your experience with Prep's athletic program more enjoyable and less stressful.

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INTERSTATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Code for Interscholastic Athletics

The spectator should:

1. Realize that he or she represents the school.
2. Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill, and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
3. Recognize that since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well being of the players through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance.
4. Treat visiting teams and officials as guests extending to them every courtesy.
5. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
6. Respect the judgment and integrity of the officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.
7. Remain silent during all basketball free throw attempts.
8. Have no noisemakers during indoor interscholastic athletics.
9. Make no derogatory signs, banners, or cheers directed toward officials, players, coaches, or cheerleaders.
10. Not interfere with opponent's cheerleaders.

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

1. In case of bad weather or for up to date game information, call 301 493-5000 and talk to our receptionist, or call our Sports Information Line at 301 214-8630.
2. For directions to contests give our receptionist a call at 301 493-5000, or they will be posted on our web page at www.gprep.org under sports and directions.
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