

Parent/Coach Conference Guidelines

The following guidelines have been developed to streamline Parent/Coach Conferences. If these guidelines are adhered to, the conference will be conducted more efficiently and mutual agreements on the issues are more likely to be reached. Certain situations may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These conferences are encouraged. In saying that, it is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position.

It is very difficult to be objective about our children. It is also difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions constantly, based on what they believe to be best for all athletes involved.

Appropriate Concerns to discuss With Coaches

1. The treatment of your child, both mentally and physically
2. Strategies to help your student athlete improve
3. Concerns or changes in your child's behavior

As you can see from the list above, certain items can be and should be discussed with the coach. Other items, such as the following, must be left to the discretion of the coach:

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches

1. Other student-athletes
2. Playing time
3. Play calling
4. Team Strategy
5. The level at which your athlete plays (JV/Varsity)