

Royals Sports Program

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

Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach

- o Philosophy of the coach.
- o Expectations for your child and all players on the team.
- o Locations and times of practices and games.
- o Procedures should your child be injured during participation.
- o Discipline that may result in denial of your child's participation.

Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

- o Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- o Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- o Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
- o Prompt pick up after practices and games.

It is important to understand that there 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

- o The treatment of your child both mentally and physically.
- o Ways to help your child improve.
- o Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professional. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other issues must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss With Coaches

- o Amount of playing time
- o Team strategy
- o Play calling
- o Other student/athletes

To discuss a concern with the coaches, kindly email him/her directly or go through your designated team mom/dad. For escalation, you may email sports@olgfairview.org