

## Parent/Coach Communication Plan

It is very important that there is a good line of communication between coaches and parents. Therefore coaches and parents should understand their roles in helping to provide a great experience for the 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 clear communication from the coach.

### Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach:

1. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the squad.
2. Locations and times of all practices, events, and games.
3. Team requirements (practices, equipment needed, policies, etc.).

### Communication Coaches Expect From Parents:

1. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance.
2. Notification if athlete is going to miss practices excused or unexcused.
3. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.

As your children become involved with our athletic program, they will experience some very educational and rewarding times. There may also be some 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. Concerns about your child's behavior.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. The treatment of your child mentally and physically.

It can be very difficult to accept if your child is not playing as much as you may hope. We are going to make decisions based on what we feel is best for the team and program. It is important for you to understand that there are certain items we do not discuss with parents.

### Concerns Not Appropriate To Discuss With Coaches:

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Game strategy
4. Play calling
5. Other student-athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach, parents, and student athlete. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue or concern.

### If You Have A Concern To Discuss With The Coach, The Procedure You Should Follow:

1. Set up an appointment by contacting the coach.
2. Never confront a coach before or after a game or practice. These can be emotional times for all involved and this nature of contact does not promote resolutions.

*Our Athletic Family consists of the Coaching Staff, the Players, and the Parents. This plan is provided in order to make the experience the best it can be for the Triton Central Family.*