

Saint Vincent Pallotti High School

PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION

Together building better programs for the students of Saint Vincent Pallotti High School.



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God
Family
Academics
Athletics

SPORTSMANSHIP

Compete with Character

Play with Integrity

Win with Grace

Lose with Dignity

Parent/Coach Relationship

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 benefit to children. As parents, when your children become 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 child's program.

Communication You Should Expect from Your Child's Coach

- ✚ Philosophy of the coach
- ✚ Expectations the coach has for your child as well as the players on the squad
- ✚ Locations and times of all practices and contests
- ✚ Team requirements; i.e., special equipment, off-season conditioning
- ✚ Procedure should your child be injured during participation
- ✚ Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation

Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

- ✚ Concerns expressed directly to the coach
- ✚ Notification of any scheduling conflicts well in advance
- ✚ Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectation

As your children become involved in the athletic program, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also 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

- ✚ The treatment of your child, mentally and physically
- ✚ Ways to help your child improve
- ✚ Concerns about your child's behavior or safety

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

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches:

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

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved clearly understand the others' position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of the concern.

Procedure to Follow Should You Have a Concern to Discuss With a Coach

- ✚ Call the school to set up an appointment
- ✚ If the coach cannot be reached, call the Director of Athletics. He/She will coordinate the meeting for you.
- ✚ **Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice.**

The Next Step

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.
- ✚ At this meeting, the appropriate next step can be determined.

Saint Vincent Pallotti High School Rules of Conduct

Thank you for attending our athletic events. We hope you enjoy the contest. In order to provide a pleasant and safe environment for all spectators and participants, WE ASK ALL FANS TO REFRAIN FROM:

- ✚ Intimidating or harassing the players, coaches, officials, or fans
- ✚ Using profanity
- ✚ Throwing objects
- ✚ Loitering in the hallways, school grounds or athletic fields

If you fail to abide by the Rules of Conduct, you will be asked to leave the contest. Furthermore, your actions could result in a letter banning you from future athletic events at all schools.

Remember....admission is a privilege to observe a contest, not a license to display insensitive or offensive behavior.