
Parent Code of Conduct

1. Make sure your student athlete understands that win or lose, love him or her.
2. Be realistic about your student athlete's physical ability.
3. Help your student athlete set realistic goals.
4. Emphasize "improved performance, not winning.
5. Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
6. Don't relive your own athletic past through your student athlete.
7. Control your emotions at games and events.
8. Be a "cheerleader" for your student athlete and others on the team.
9. Respect your student athlete's coaches. Communicate with them in a positive way. Encourage others to do the same.
10. Be a positive role model!



What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

1. Call and set up an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Mission Statement

The Stanfield School District is dedicated to creating a program that prepares students to excel in life. Co-curricular activities can teach a student life-long values such as hard work, teamwork, sportsmanship, interpersonal relationships, honesty, and how to deal with successes and failures. We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both you and your student-athlete's experience with the SSS Athletic program less stressful and more enjoyable.

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Parent/Coach Communication

A Winning Approach

Athletic
Department



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 student-athletes. As parents, when your students become involved in our program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your student-athlete. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your student-athlete's program.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the squad.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Specific team requirements, including fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning/practice, weekend activities, team dinners, etc.
5. Injury procedures for practices and contests.
6. Team rules, guidelines, and consequences for infractions.
7. Lettering and participant criteria.
8. Team selection process.

Communication coaches expect from athletes/parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any illness or injury as soon as possible.
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your student-athlete becomes involved in the athletic programs at Stanfield Secondary School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their life. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you and your student-athlete wish. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches

1. The treatment of your student-athlete.
2. Ways to help your student-athlete improve.
3. Concern about your student-athlete's behavior.

Some questions to ask a coach:

"How would you evaluate my child in terms of his/her offensive, defensive, and team skills?"

"Does my child work hard and have a positive attitude at practice?"

"What areas can they improve in?"

"Do you have some drills we could use to make these improvements?"

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

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches:

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy or play calling
3. Other student-athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and player, or coach and parent. These conferences are encouraged. It is important that all parties involved have a clear understanding of the other person's position.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, follow this procedure:

1. Call/email the coach to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call/email the athletic director. A meeting will be set up for you.
3. **Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a practice or contest.** These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions.

