

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, Mr. John Simonetti—908-362-5285 to discuss the situation.
- At this meeting the appropriate 'next step' can be determined.

Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood, these programs have been established.

Many of the character traits required to be successful participants are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school.

We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the North Warren Regional High School Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.



Sportsmanship
Ethics
Integrity

Patriots

Parent/Coach
Communications

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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 for the other and provide a 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.

Communications you should Expect from your Child's Coach

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations the coach has for your child, as well as, all the players on the squad
- Team requirements as established by the coach.
- Procedure should your child be injured during participation

Communications Coaches Expect from Parents

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach first.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts—well in advance.
- Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

Issues NOT Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches

- Playing Time
- Team Strategy
- Play Calling
- Other student-athletes

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches

- Ways to help your child improve
- Concerns about your child's behavior

These are situations that may require a conference between the coach and parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of con-

If you have a Concern to Discuss with a Coach.

The Procedure you Should Follow

- Call the coach to set up an appointment.
- Call the school at 908-362-8211. Use the directory to find the appropriate coach.

Please **DO NOT** attempt to confront a coach **BEFORE** or **AFTER** a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote resolutions.