



Crescenta Valley High Athletics

Parent/Coach Communication Guide

The Parent-Coach Relationship

We are very pleased your child has chosen to participate in the CVHS athletic program. We will do all we can to provide a positive experience for him/her. Possibly the most important ingredient to achieve this outcome is to insure that lines of communication are developed for free and easy resolution of questions before they become conflicts. As a parent, you have the right to know what expectations are placed on your child. The following information is intended to spell out all levels of communication so that parents, coaches, and athletes are aware of the steps they have available to resolve anything they think is, or might become, an issue.

Communication You Should Expect from your Teen's Coach:

- Team philosophy/expectations
- Locations/times of all practices & games.
- Team/School/District/CIF requirements (athletic & academic)
- Participation conduct code/discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation

Communication Coaches Should Expect from Parents:

After your athlete has visited with the coach regarding a concern, parents should:

- Express concerns directly to the coach ***FIRST*** (in an appropriate time/setting)
- In the case of unforeseeable conflict, notify the coach well in advance

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches

1. The total well being of your teen
2. Ways to help your teen improve (i.e. increase opportunity to play)
3. Concerns about your teen's behavior

Inappropriate Issues to Discuss with Coaches

1. Distribution of game "playing time"
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Matters concerning other student/athletes

It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other person's position.

Procedures to Follow to Discuss a Concern with a Coach

1. Call/email to set up an appointment
2. Be prepared to discuss concerns clearly with an expectation of working toward resolution.
3. ***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. Generally, meetings of this nature do not promote resolution and may exacerbate the issue.***

The Next Step

If you feel cause to pursue any concern you may have regarding the athletic program, the following chain of command has been established.

1. Assistant Coach (if applicable)
2. Head Coach
3. Athletic Director (Pete Loporchio (girls) / Dave Mendoza (boys))
4. Vice Principal-Athletics (Peter Kim)
5. Principal (Linda Evans)

Interscholastic athletic programs are an integral part of the educational process. The concept of sportsmanship must be taught, modeled, expected, and reinforced in the CIF Southern Section. We feel there is an urgency to restore balance and proper perspective to educational athletics.

Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to abide by the rules, accept the decisions of officials and play the game fairly. Coaches, athletes, parents must maintain self control and demonstrate respect for the game and its rules.

Good sportsmanship is the responsibility of everyone involved in the game. Represent your community in a manner that will bring credit to your school and team.

CIF Operating Principles
"Victory With Honor"

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