

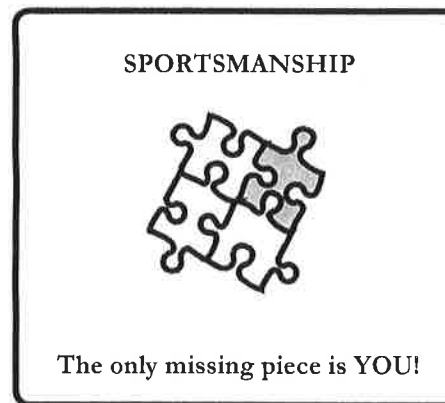
The Next Step

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

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

Council Rock High School South programs build on research which indicates that students involved in co-curricular activities have greater success during adulthood. Many of the character traits required for participation in these programs will also help ensure a successful life in the future. We hope the information provided in this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Council Rock High School South Athletic Program enjoyable and stress-free.

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Parent / Coach
Communication

Parent/Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing guidelines and understanding each position, we are better able to accept the actions of others and provide greater benefit to children. When your son or daughter become involved in our program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the head coach of your child's program.

Communications 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. Team requirements, i.e., special equipment, any off-season training or conditioning, etc.
5. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.
6. Infractions that result in the denial of your child's participation.

Communication coaches expect from parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts, well in advance.
3. Specific concern with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your children become involved in the programs at Council Rock High School South, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. However, there may also 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

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

Sometimes your child may not receive as much playing time as you would hope - this can be difficult to accept. Remember that **coaches are educators and professionals**. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. As listed above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other items, including 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
3. Play Calling
4. Other Student-Athletes
5. Team Selection

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that each party has a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, please take the following steps to help promote a satisfactory resolution. Setting up a time for discussion with the coach is encouraged.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, please do the following:

1. Email the coach to set up a meeting date and time.
2. If the coach can not be reached, the Director of Athletics will assist in setting up a meeting for you.
3. **Do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice.** These can be emotional times for both parents and coaches. Meeting of this nature does not promote resolution.