Brookfield High School Athletics



Parent - Coach Communication Policy

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The Brookfield High School community believes that the Interscholastic Athletic Program contributes significantly to preparing our students for becoming productive, contributing citizens to our society. Interscholastic Athletics provides an exceptional opportunity for personal growth as it will foster appropriate physical, social and emotional development, character, integrity and leadership as well as confidence, self esteem and a positive self image. Student-athletes learn to accept responsibility for both success and failure while recognizing their individual strengths and limitations. Athletes also learn about valuable qualities such as, dedication, responsibility, accountability, respect, commitment, hard work, self discipline, personal sacrifice and fair play. Lastly, student-athletes will learn the importance of unity, loyalty, camaraderie, teamwork, spirit and sportsmanship

Parent / Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By working together, the parent(s) and coach are better able to ensure each student-athlete will benefit from the athletic program. As a parent whose son or daughter is involved in the Brookfield Athletic program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed upon them. This begins with clear communication from the team's coach.

Communication you should expect from the coach:

- Philosophy of the coach and the program
- Expectations the coach has for all student-athletes involved in the program
- Locations and times of practice sessions and contests
- Team requirements and rules
- Disciplinary actions that may result in dismissal or suspension

Communication coaches should expect from parents:

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

When your son or daughter becomes involved in a program offered by Brookfield High School, he or she will experience many rewarding moments. It is important to understand there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your son or daughter would like. If this occurs, discussion regarding the issue by the athlete with the coach is encouraged.

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

Afford your son or daughter the opportunity to discuss the issue with his/her coach. Many times, these types of meetings may resolve an issue or concern.

- If your son or daughter's meeting with the coach did not resolve the issue, call to schedule an appointment to meet with the coach. The Brookfield Athletic Department telephone number is (203) 740-6139.
- If the coach can not be reached, call the Director of Athletics, and a meeting will be schedule for you.
- 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 do not promote resolution.
- If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call and scheduled an appointment to meet with the Director of Athletics to discuss the situation.
- If the meeting with the Director of Athletics did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call and schedule an appointment to meet with the building Principal to discuss the situation.
- If the meeting with the building Principal did not provide a satisfactory resolution, please submit in writing, a detailed description of your issue or concern to the Superintendent of Schools in care of the Brookfield High School, 45 long Meadow Hill Road, Brookfield, Ct 06804

Concerns to discuss with coaches:

- The treatment of your son or daughter, mentally and physically
- Ways to help your son or daughter improve as a player / athlete
- Concerns about your son or daughter's behavior

It sometimes can be very difficult to accept a child not participating or playing as much as a parent may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all athletes involved. Many concerns such as those listed above can be, and should be discussed with your son or daughter's coach. Other issues, such as: ***positions, level of participation, and playing time, must be left to the discretion of the coach and coaching staff.***
Situations can occur that may require a conference between the coach and parent. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue or concern.

Please remember that we require ***24 Hours*** between any incident and the time of your contact with any member of the athletic department.

Brookfield Public School

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Marc Balanda, Principal
Stephen Baldwin, CCA, Director of Athletics
Katherine Abrego , Assistant Principal
Jules Scheithe, Assistant Principal
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