

TOHS Communication Guide

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult and rewarding. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to students. This begins with communication.

Communication you should expect from your son's coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your students
3. Location and times of all practices, games and team activities
4. Team requirements
5. Procedures to follow should your son be injured during participation
6. Discipline that may result in the denial of you student's participation

Communication coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly with the coach
2. Notification of any injury
3. Specific concerns with regard to the coach's philosophy and or expectations.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. Treatment of your son, mentally and physically
2. Ways to help your son improve
3. Concerns about your students behavior

It is very difficult to accept your son not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are experienced in their area. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. As you have seen from the above list, certain things can be discussed with the coach. Other issues, such as the ones listed below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with the coach:

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student-athletes

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