

The Next Step

What Can A Parent Do If The Meeting With The Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution

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

Since research indicates that 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 in this pamphlet makes both you and your student's experience with the Sweet Home High School Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school for a minimum of half day is required for participation in an athletic contest or practice. School related activities or appointments **WITH PRIOR APPROVAL** by the administration are the only exceptions to this rule. Emergency situations may be reviewed by the administration. As soon as it is verified that a student-athlete has an unexcused absence from any class, he/she will

not be permitted to participate in the next athletic contest.

SUSPENSION

Suspension for any reason from school, also means suspension from practice and games. After being readmitted to school, the athlete must see the coach and athletic director before participating.

DISQUALIFICATION

If an athlete is ejected from a game for his/her flagrant actions or behavior and is fined by the OSAA. The athlete or his/her parents will be responsible for paying that fine.

FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS

These procedures MUST be followed:

1. Athletes pay \$75.00 per sport, per season. There is an individual limit a \$150.00 individual limit and \$300.00 family maximum per year.
2. Check to see if any athletic fees are owed. Not applicable to freshman.
3. Check grades. **OSAA eligible**
 - A. Pass **5 of 7** classes
 - B. Enrolled in a minimum of **FIVE** classes
 - C. On track to graduate
4. Participation form for each sports season.
5. Current physical, which is good for 2 years.
6. See coach of sport and turn in athletic code of conduct (**white**) and signed physical form (**blue**) from your physician.

SWEET HOME HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS



PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION

Steve Brown- Athletic Director 367-7144

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 of the other and provide greater benefit to students. As in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your student. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your student's program.

Communications You Should Expect From Your Student's Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for the players on the squad.
3. Location and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Procedure should your student be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your student'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 concerns about a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your students become involved in the programs at Sweet Home High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your student wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Coaches:

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

It is very difficult to accept your student 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. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your student's coach. Other things, such as 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. Position assignment

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 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 concern.

If You Have A Concern To Discuss With A Coach, The Procedure You Should Follow:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. The Sweet Home High School telephone number is 367-7144
3. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director, Mr. Steve Brown. He will set the meeting up for you.
4. **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 resolution.