

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 children. As parents, when your child becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed upon your child. This begins with clear communication with your child's coach.

Communication Your Child Should Expect from His/Her 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., fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning
5. Procedure should your child be injured during participation
6. Discipline that results 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 Joel Barlow 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 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

It is difficult to accept your child's 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. Certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as the following, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Calling plays
4. Other student-athletes
5. Selection of Captains
6. Special Awards

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties 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

1. Call to set up an appointment. Use numbers provided by coaches, or call the Athletics Office to leave a message.
2. If the coach does not respond to your call, telephone Mr. Santangeli, Athletic Administrator. He will contact the coach on your behalf.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or a practice. This can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

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 Administrator to discuss the situation
2. At this meeting, the appropriate next step can be determined

Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, those programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Joel Barlow High School athletic program less stressful and more enjoyable.



**Connecticut Interscholastic
Athletic Conference**

Coaches Listing

Athletic Administrator, Mike Santangeli
Assistant AD (fall), Jim Dolan
Assistant AD (winter, spring), Rob Tynan
Athletic Secretary, Cheri Scull
Athletic Trainer, Monique Brown
Baseball, Jeff Rago
Boys' Basketball, Seth Babikian
Girls' Basketball, Joe Carollo
Cheerleading, Jill DeSalva
Boys' Cross Country, Jerry Bielizna
Girls' Cross Country, Dan Spinner
Field Hockey, Erika Profenno
Football, Rob Tynan
Golf, Jim Dolan
Ice Hockey, Peter Maxfield
Boys' Lacrosse, Jason Saunders
Girls' Lacrosse, Joe Caruso
Boys' Skiing, Ryan Swift
Girls' Skiing, Bob Kuhsel
Boys' Soccer, Paul Winstanley
Girls' Soccer, Neil Phillips
Softball, Annmarie Gorman
Boys' Swimming, Derek Farrar
Girl's Swimming, Eileen Earle
Boys' Tennis, Tom Cable
Girls' Tennis, Randy Light
Boys' Track, Jerry Bielizna
Girls' Track, Dan Spinner
Boys' Volleyball, Matt Somerville
Girls' Volleyball, Steve Antal
Wrestling, Johnny Samaha

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