

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 you children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as for 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. Procedures to be followed should your child be injured during participation
6. Student misconduct that results in the denial of your child's participation

Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

1. Concerns should be expressed directly to the coach

2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and / or expectations

As your children become involved in the programs at Niles North 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 very difficult to accept that your child is not playing as much as you may have hoped. Coaches are professionals. They make judgement decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other matters, such as those on the following page, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Communication Matters Left To The Discretion of the Coach

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

These 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, This Is The Procedure You Should Follow

Call to set up an appointment. Niles North's telephone number is 847-626-2000. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director, Mr. Karl Costello at 847-626-2281, who will set up the meeting 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.

Niles North
Viking Athletics

Nickname: Vikings
Colors: Purple / White
Conference: Central Suburban
League (CSL)

School Song:

VIKING VICTORY

*Shout out, it's V for Viking victory
When North is out to fight
We see the Viking spirit rising
High for the Purple and White
Shout you rah
Fight you North Norsemen, fight
For North is on the way
To victory you Vikings go, go
Win for Niles today.
Shout V for Vikings, V for Victory
North, FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!*

Experience the Tradition!!!!

GO VIKINGS!

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