

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

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 here helps to make your family's experience with the South Orangetown athletic program an enjoyable one!

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The South Orangetown Central School

District promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and fans. We ask all spectators to respect the efforts of the players, coaches and officials by cheering in a positive manner for their respective teams. At no time should spectators speak to participants, coaches or officials in an athletic event. Profanity, racial or ethnic slurs, personal insults, fighting or any other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Games should be competitive but, above all, fun and friendly for everyone.

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*Parent / Coach
Communication*

Parent / Coach Relationship

Parents and coaches are important role models for students; they provide necessary guidance to young adults in their development and their understanding of the world in which they live and work as adults. By understanding and respecting each other, parents and coaches, working together can greatly benefit children. When your child becomes involved in the athletic program at South Orangetown, you as parents, have a right to understand the expectations that will be placed upon them. Clear communication between parents and coach facilitates this understanding.

The following information is intended to be used as guidelines to establish an environment in which open communication and mutual respect are fostered.

Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
3. Explanation of athletic department training rules.
4. Team requirements.
5. Procedures if your child is injured during participation.
6. Explanation of excused and unexcused absences from practice / contests.

Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concerns regarding a coach's philosophy and / or expectations.

As your children become involved in the athletic program at South Orangetown, they will experience some very rewarding moments. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way your children wish. 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 may not play as much as you had hoped. Coaches make judgement decisions based on what they believe is best for all students involved. As you may have seen from the list above, certain things can be discussed with your child's coach. Other things may be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss With Coaches

1. Playing time.
2. Play calling.
3. Other student athletes.

There are situations that require a conference between the coach and the parent. These conferences are encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other person's position. When conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be used to help promote a resolution of the issue of concern.

Procedures To Follow When You Discuss A Concern With A Coach

1. Contact the coach to make an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the athletic office at 845-680-1640. A meeting will be set up for you.
4. Please DO NOT confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

