

**MAMARONECK UNION FREE
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MAMARONECK
TIGERS**

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Sportsmanship

Ethics

Integrity

**PARENT/COACH
COMMUNICATION**



We hope the information provided will help to make you and your child's experience in the Mamaroneck Union Free School District Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

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**ONCE A TIGER -- ALWAYS A TIGER**  
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PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position as they relate to MHS Athletics, we are better able to accept actions and directly benefit children.

The objectives of the athletic programs in Mamaroneck Union Free School District are to:

- Include as many student's as possible
- Prepare students to be productive and contributing citizens
- Offer comprehensive athletic activities
- Promote physical fitness, personal health,
- Encourage students to accept responsibility for their actions, problem solve and value fair play, honesty, and cooperation

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

1. Philosophy by the coach for the team, players & program.
2. Expectations the coach has for players on the team.
3. Locations and times for all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e., fees, special equipment, time commitments, equipment, opportunities for play.
5. Procedures for injuries during participation.
6. Discipline related to participation on the team resulting from missed practices/game

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 coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

Athletics can be very rewarding, but occasionally, athletes have difficulty understanding team goals and philosophies. When this transpires, a discussion directly with the coach in a timely manner 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.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time on high school teams is not equal or guaranteed each game. Coaches make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for the entire team.

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

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

DISCUSSION OF CONCERNS WITH A COACH

Student/Athletes participating in interscholastic athletics should approach the coach and have an initial conversation to attempt to find a resolution to the problem/concern. When your child handles the problem by directly approaching the coach, he/she becomes part of the learning and maturation process.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged, but it is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position.

Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest/practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent & the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

The parent must have the initial conversation with the coach prior to contacting the Athletic Director's Office for a meeting.

WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED AFTER MEETING WITH THE COACH?

Call Athletic Secretary to set up an appointment with the Athletic Director, Bari Suman. The parent/guardian, coach and Athletic Director will meet to discuss the problem.

At this meeting, the appropriate next step(s) can be determined.

If a parent has specific complaints regarding a coach, then the coach must have the opportunity to be present and meet with the parent(s).