

## Crosspoint Christian Athletics-Parent Expectations

**Colossians 3:17** “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Parenting and coaching can be both rewarding and challenging. We want to work in partnership with parents to provide the most rewarding experience possible for our athletes. When your child becomes involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child and what we expect from parents. It is the coach’s responsibility to communicate their expectations with your child.

### Required Communication from Coaching Staff to Parents

1. Coaching philosophy:
  - A. Expectations the coach has for your child and the team
  - B. Team requirements, i.e. attendance at practice and games, and off-season conditioning, etc.
  - C. Team rules and consequences for breaking the rules: up to and including denial of your child’s participation in the sport
2. Location and times of all practices, contests and other required events

### Appropriate Communication from Parents to Coaches

1. Express concerns directly to the coach, not to other parents or athletes
2. Notification of family schedule conflicts
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach’s philosophy and/or expectations
4. The treatment of your child mentally and physically
5. Ways to help your child improve
6. Concerns about your child’s behavior

While your child is involved in athletics at Crosspoint, he or she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. This is normal, but we need to remember our coaches are professionals and the decisions they make are based on what they believe to be best for the team. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child’s coach. Other things, such as those on the following list, 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

### The Proper Way to Discuss a Concern with a Coach

1. Call the school to set up an appointment with the coach. 541-882-7732
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call Mr. Bush, Athletic Director, to set up a meeting for you.
3. **Do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or after a contest or practice.** Meeting at these times usually do not promote resolution.
4. **If issue remains unresolved the next Biblical step is to bring the concern to Mr. Rice who will help mediate the issue. Gossiping with others is often sinful and not helpful.**

It is our goal for sports at Crosspoint to be a positive experience for all those involved: kids, parents and coaches. Thank you for your help in providing this opportunity.