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TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Yearly Athletic Meeting

Each school year the school will conduct a player/parent meeting. A parent/guardian of each player must attend one of these meetings before the student will be permitted to practice or participate in extracurricular events.

Behavior Expectations of All Spectators

Remember that you are at the contest to support and yell for your team, and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team or its fans.

Remember that school athletics are a learning experience for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people, just as you would praise a student working in the classroom.

A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.

Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place. Rules do change over time.

Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.

Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.

Use only cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.

Be a positive role model at events through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.

Overall Unacceptable Behavior

Yelling or waving arms during an opponent's free throw attempt, serve, etc.
Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs, or gestures.

Confronting a coach before during or after the game.

Confronting another player or spectator.
Booing or heckling an official's decision.
Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
Yells that antagonize opponents.
Blaming loss of a game on officials, coaches, or participants.
Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.

Consequences for NOT following rules

First offense: spectator will receive a verbal warning by the administrator in charge.

Second offense: spectator will be asked to leave and escorted from the contest.

Third offense: spectator will be banned from attending all athletic events held at Turkeyfoot Valley Area Jr/Sr High School for one year.

PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION

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 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 all the players on the squad.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. practices, special equipment, out-of-season conditioning, etc.
5. Procedure followed should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that may result 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 concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

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.

Coaches are professionals. They make judgment 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 things 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.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent, these are 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 or concern.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the procedure you should follow is:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director. A meeting will be set up for you.

What a parent can do if the meeting with the coach did not provide satisfactory resolution.

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
2. If a meeting with the Athletic Director is unsatisfactory, you may call and set up an appointment with the Principal to discuss your questions and concerns.

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