



Whitnall Falcon Communication Expectations Plan

Parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. Our goal is to establish better communication among our parents, athletes, and coaches.

The following information was designed to clearly outline expectations that Whitnall parents, athletes, and coaches must be aware of in order for our athletic programs to be successful.

Parents and athletes should expect the following from Whitnall H.S. coaches:

1. The coaching staff acting as a role model for good sportsmanship, use of appropriate language, professional appearance, promotion of a healthy environment, and safe teaching techniques;
2. All information regarding team requirements, fees, special equipment, off-season opportunities, and locations and times of all practices and contests;
3. Whitnall High School and WIAA eligibility requirements;
4. Team regulations and expectations that are outside the Whitnall H.S. Co-Curricular Code. (Example: policy regarding excused/unexcused absences and consequences.);
5. Well-planned practices;
6. Lettering and special award requirements.

Coaches should expect the following from Parents:

1. Complete support of the Whitnall H.S. Co-Curricular Code and all team regulations;
2. Positive support for their child, all coaches, and other team members at all times;
3. Good sportsmanship exhibited toward officials, players, spectators, and coaches at all times;
4. Notification to coaches of any schedule conflicts that may occur well in advance (vacations);
5. Encourage your child, if he/she has a concern, to speak directly to the coach.

Coaches should expect the following from Athletes:

1. Complete commitment to the TEAM;
2. Great work ethic at all times;
3. A positive attitude that fosters positive relationships;
4. Exhibition of good sportsmanship and appropriate language at all times.

Recommended procedure for addressing a concern with a coach:

- Step 1: Athlete seeks out his/her coach to discuss concern (Parents please speak with your child about the concern and encourage your son/daughter to speak with his/her coach.)
- Step 2: Parent requests conference with the coach or coaching staff. (Please call during school hours and leave a message for the coach on either his/her voicemail or with the Activities Office)
- Step 3: If the conference between the athlete and coach, or parent, athlete and coach does not resolve the concern, a meeting will be set up with the Activities Director. The Activities Director will mediate the conference. (The conference will deal only with specific concerns. Both parties will be allowed to speak in an uninterrupted manner. The conference will be held in a neutral environment.)

Appropriate concerns that a parent may address with the coaching staff:

1. The treatment of your child mentally and physically;
2. Ways that your child can improve his/her performance and skill level;
3. Concerns about your child's behavior in school, practice, or contests;
4. Your child's role within the team makeup.

***Coaches will NOT discuss other team members, other parents, or other members of the Whitnall H.S. coaching staff.

***Coaches will NOT meet with a parent immediately after a contest. Parents must wait until the next school day and refer to the recommended procedure for addressing a concern with a coach.