

THE NEXT STEP

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

Call and set up an appointment with the activity director to discuss the situation. (Celeste Thingvold – Bowbells – 377-2396 or Aaron Haggin – Burke Central – 933-2821)

At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Research indicates a student involved in extra-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood; therefore, these programs have been established. 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 within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with Burke County Titan athletic programs less stressful and more enjoyable.

If parents are going to discuss the team or game at any time, the negativity about the coach and/or other players needs to be left out. Positive support will only improve the program. A successful program needs positive parental support at home and at events!

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**BURKE COUNTY ATHLETICS
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RESPECT

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CITIZENSHIP

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HEALTH

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ETHICS

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RESPONSIBILITY

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TEAMWORK

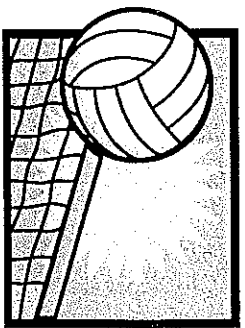
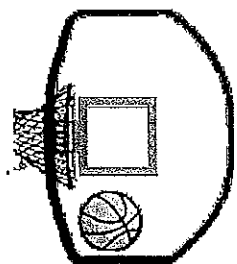
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PARENT/COACH

COMMUNICATIONS

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

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 child becomes 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. Location and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that result in the denial of your child's participation.

COMMUNICATION COACHES CAN EXPECT FROM PARENTS

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.

As your child becomes involved in the co-op programs at Bowbells and Burke Central Public Schools, he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of his/her life. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. Ways to help your child improve.
2. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. AS you have seen from the list above, certain topics can be discussed with your child's coach. Others such as those that follow 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 students — 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 others position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH THIS IS THE PROCEDURE YOU SHOULD FOLLOW

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. Please *do not* attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or the day of a contest. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution. Please wait 24 hours after the contest.