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## West York Area High School Athletics

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### WEST YORK PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION PLAN

Both parenting and coaching are extremely vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the action of the other and provide greater benefits 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 in your son/daughters program.

#### Communication you should expect from your son/daughters coach:

1. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all players on the squad (discussed in pre-season meeting)
2. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
3. Team requirements such as practices and out-of-season conditioning.
4. Discipline that may result in the denial of your son/daughters participation.

#### Communication coaches expect from parents:

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

As your son/daughter becomes involved in the co-curricular programs at West York, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

#### Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. The treatment of your son/daughter
2. Ways to help your son/daughter improve.
3. Concerns about your son/daughter's behavior.

If is very difficult to accept that your son/daughter may not play as much as you had hoped. **Coaches are professionals.** They made decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved.

#### Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches:

1. Playing time
2. Team Strategy
3. 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 have a clear understanding of each other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue or concern:

1. Please encourage your son/daughter to speak directly with the coach. Many times the matter can be taken care of at that time.
2. If #1 does not result in resolution, please call or email the coach to set up an appointment.
3. If you are having difficulty reaching the coach, call or email the AD to set up a meeting between the coach, parent and student-athlete.
4. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest, or a practice. These can be emotional times for both parent and coach. Meeting of this nature do not promote resolution.

If the meeting with the coach does not provide satisfactory resolution, please call or email the AD to set up an appointment to discuss the situation.

Research indicates that student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success throughout adulthood. 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 this information assists our parents, coaches, and student-athletes in making co-curricular involvement a success. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that the necessary life skills are taught throughout our co-curricular programs. If we are able to develop your son/daughter mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially, I feel as though we have achieved success. The following is what we expect from you as the parent/guardian:

#### Expectations of Parent/Guardian

1. Support your student-athlete's efforts towards success.
2. Work to promote a positive environment that is conducive to the development of the student-athlete.
3. Read and discuss the rules and regulations outlined in this Behavioral Code with your student-athlete.
4. Communicate any concerns in a timely manner.
5. Treat all coaching personnel with courtesy and respect, and insist that your student-athlete does the same.

#### **West York Area High School Sportsmanship Expectations**

We wish to thank you for your patronage of West York Athletics. At the same time, we ask that you be **POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE** of student-athletes, officials, and coaches. *Please DO NOT engage in UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT* towards student-athletes, officials, or coaches, or in any fashion draw **NEGATIVE ATTENTION** towards yourself.

Please be aware of the **EXAMPLE** that you set and the **BEHAVIOR** that you **MODEL** for our young people. Do not **EMBARRASS YOURSELF, YOUR SCHOOL, OR YOUR SON/DAUGHTER**. Spectators who have difficulty being respectful may be asked to leave the sporting event.

