

## **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 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 for the all the players on the team.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, weight lifting conditioning, etc.
5. Procedures to be followed should your child be injured during participation.
6. Student misconduct that results in the denial of your child's participation

### **Communication Coaches Expect From Parents**

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

3. Specific concern with regards to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your children become involved in the programs at Loyola Academy, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments in 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. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

### **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.

As a Jesuit high school, Loyola Academy feels that communication about the three scenarios spelled out above is essential in providing the personal care that is an important part of our school mission.

### **Communication Matters Left To The Discretion Of The Coach**

1. Boat and seat assignment
2. Team and race strategy.
3. Other student-athletes.

These are delicate topics. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all of the students involved and the team. While

you may have differing opinions than that of the coach with regards to the three topics above, you should follow the procedure that is listed below:

### **Protocol For Communication with Coach and Athletic Director**

1. Student-athlete should talk directly to coach about concerns.
2. Parents to call or e-mail to set up a meeting with coach. The coach's contact information can be found on the LARA website.
3. Parents and coach meet to discuss concerns.
4. If issue not resolved, parents e-mail LARA President to set up a meeting or phone conversation.
5. Parents and LARA President meet to discuss concerns.

*Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution. The LARA President should be involved only if student-athlete, parent and coach meetings do not provide a satisfactory resolution.*