

ICRS PARENT AND COACH PROTOCOL

Expectations and Protocol for 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 your student-athlete.
3. Become familiar with, and review the team and athletic department rules and regulations with your student-athlete.
4. Communicate any concerns in a timely manner, according to the school protocol. Do not promote gossip or spread concerns over social media.
5. Treat all coaching personnel with courtesy and respect, and insist your student-athlete does the same.
6. Make every effort to accompany your student-athlete to informational meetings offered by the coach and/or the athletic department
7. Assure that your student-athlete will attend all scheduled practices and athletic contests.
8. Acknowledge and support the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy and play selection.
9. Promote and model mature and sportsmanlike behavior at all athletic contests.
10. Attend as many contests as possible to show support for your child, the team and the school.

Expectations and Protocol for Coaches

1. Promote the health and safety of all student-athletes at all times. Create a safe environment.
2. Be a model of appropriate language, sportsmanship and behavior and demand this of all team personnel.
3. Respect and dignify each student-athlete as an individual.
4. Establish time demands that acknowledge the primary importance of each student-athlete's academic and family responsibilities. Communicate these demands in a timely manner.
5. Promote among athletes and coaches a solid sense of team membership.
6. Maintain an awareness of best practices in the specific sport or discipline.
7. Be available to parents at times that are mutually convenient and in alignment with the athletic department's parent/coach communication guidelines.
8. Work with school personnel, when appropriate, to advocate for the best interest of the student-athletes.
9. Encourage student-athletes to experience school in a well-rounded manner. Foster their interests to pursue other options in addition to the specific sport. Speaking in a derogatory fashion about other sports or activities is unprofessional and unacceptable.
10. Adhere to all WIAA and ICRS athletic department policies at all times.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches:

1. Team strategy, technique, practice-organization, or play selection.
2. Skills or abilities of other student-athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent, and this is encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position.

When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issues or concerns.

Procedures to follow if there is a concern to discuss with a coach:

1. Please encourage your child to speak directly with the coach. Often, concerns can be resolved at this level.
2. Contact the coach to set up an appointment.
3. If the coach cannot be reached, contact the ICRS athletic director. He/she will assist you in arranging a meeting.
4. 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 of concerns. Please allow 24 – 48 hours for a “cool down” period.

If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call to schedule an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.

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My family agrees to the terms and conditions of the ICRS Parent and Coach Protocol.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Name: _____