

Parent/Coach Relationship

David Douglas High School is committed to fostering a close relationship with the home through communication and by providing an understanding of educational and instructional goals. Just as teachers and other school staff strive to work with parents in a mutual effort to promote the student's success in the classroom, coaches strive to work with parents in a mutual effort to promote the athlete's success on the field, court, etc.

As parents, when your student becomes involved in a David Douglas High School sports program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your student. You also have the right to be knowledgeable about the rights and duties of the coach. Both parenting and coaching can present challenges at times, but by establishing an understanding of each other's position, parents and coaches should all be able to better accept the actions of each other and ultimately provide greater benefit to students.

The Parent/Coach relationship begins with clear communication from the coach of your student's team.

Communication Parents Expect from Coaches

1. The coach's philosophy.
2. Expectations the coach has for your student and all other players on the team.
3. The location and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Procedures should your student be injured during practice or contest.
6. Discipline that will result in the denial of your student's participation.

Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

As your student becomes involved in the programs at David Douglas High School, 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 student wishes. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged. The parent/coach relationship is two-way.

Coaches should be able to expect parents to:

1. Express concerns directly to the coach.
2. Notify the coach of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Discuss specific concerns about a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

Issues/Concerns that are appropriate to discuss with the coach:

1. The treatment of your student mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your student improve.
3. Concerns about your student's behavior.

It may be difficult to accept your student not playing as much as you may hope, but it is important to remember coaches are professionals and they make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your student's coach. Other things, such as the following listed items, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches:

1. The selection of the squad/team.
2. Who starts and how long an athlete plays in a contest.
3. Team strategy, including the offensive and defensive philosophy.
4. Play calling.
5. Other athletes Parent/Coach Conferences

There are certain situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are encouraged, and it is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others' position. When these conferences become necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution of the issue of concern.

If parents have a concern to discuss with a coach, the parent should contact the head coach

1. Call to set up an appointment. The David Douglas High School telephone number is 503-261-8300
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director for assistance in setting up the meeting. Phone # 503-261-8325
3. Wait until the appointment time to discuss the issue with the coach. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or after a contest or practice. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote solutions, as these can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach.

If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, the parent should call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

**DAVID DOUGLAS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Eric Stauffer 503-261-8325**



Sportsmanship Guidelines for Parents/Fans

High school parents and fans are a tremendous asset to our program and we are extremely grateful for your cooperation, support, and loyalty. As spectators at contests, parents and fans can significantly contribute to the fine reputation we have earned in the area of sportsmanship—but unfortunately, problems occur from time to time. We expect student athletes to hold themselves to high standards of sportsmanship, and hope parents and other fans will serve as role models for our students by exhibiting high standards of sportsmanship as well. We must never lose sight of the fact that the participants in interscholastic athletics are only “youngsters.” Officials and game management personnel are there to help make this a positive experience for everyone. Please treat them accordingly.

The following guidelines should be adhered to at all times:

1. Knowing and understanding the rules of the contest.
2. Showing respect for officials and their decisions.
3. Showing respect for opponents at all times.
4. Recognizing and appreciating the varying skill levels of all student-athletes participating.
5. Maintaining self-control at all times.
6. Showing a positive attitude when cheering.

STUDENTS FIRST—WINNING SECOND

OSAA Eligibility Rules

ATTENTION ATHLETES—You are eligible if:

1. You are a first semester freshman and entering high school for the first time.
2. You are currently enrolled in at least three classes per quarter at David Douglas High School.

3. You have passed at least three .5 classes the previous quarter grading period.
4. You are a resident living with your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the David Douglas School District.
5. Your 19th birthday falls after August 15th.
6. You have not already completed eight (8) semesters in any high school, (i.e., you are not a 5th year senior).
7. You meet OSAA minimum satisfactory progress toward graduation.

NOTE: If you are not sure about your eligibility, talk to the Athletic Director.

These programs have been established because research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood. Your student will learn values such as hard work, teamwork, sportsmanship, interpersonal relationships, honesty, and how to strive for success. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are the same as those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information in this pamphlet makes both your student’s and your experience with David Douglas High School’s athletic programs less stressful and more enjoyable. With you help and positive support of the high school staff, the experience will be rewarding for all.

DISTRICT 40
**David Douglas
Public Schools**

David Douglas Scots



Athletic Guidelines