

**DSHS**

*Head Coaches*

**2004-2005**

**Football**

Howard Ballard

**Volleyball**

Jeff Coward

**Cross Country**

Marisa Maher

**Women's Soccer**

Becky Bergfeld

**Men's Soccer**

Brian Ormonde

**Women's Basketball**

Pecos McDaniel

**Men's Basketball**

Mark Engeling

**Powerlifting**

Brian Parks

**Baseball**

Connie Cochran

**Softball**

Keith Tuck

**Men's & Women's Track**

Marisa Maher

**Tennis**

Mark Gonzales

**Men's & Women's Golf**

Mike Segleski

**Men's & Women's Swimming**

Eric Capalupo

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**Parent/Coach  
Communication  
Guide**

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### **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 students. 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 team.

### **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 team
- 3) Location and times of all practices and contests
- 4) Team requirements, i.e. special equipment, off season conditioning
- 5) Procedures should your child be injured during practice or contest
- 6) Discipline that could result in the denial of your child's participation

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

- 1) Concerns expressed directly to the coach
- 2) Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
- 3) Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

As your children become involved in the programs in the Dripping Springs Independent School District, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times and/or situations with which you or your child may not agree. 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

It is very difficult to accept your child is not playing as much as you might hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgement decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things may and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other issues, such as those listed below, 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 Student-Athletes
- 5) Other Parents of Athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, everyone must adhere to the following procedures in order to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

### **If You Have A Concern To Discuss With A Coach:**

- 1) Call to set up an appointment. Each coach has a conference period scheduled each day for the purpose of planning and communicating with parents.
- 2) If the coach cannot be reached, call the Director of Athletics, Mr. Howard Ballard.
- 3) 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 usually do not promote resolution.

### **The Next Step:**

### **What Can A Parent Do If Meeting With The Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution?**

- 1) Once you have met with the coach, call and set up an appointment with the Director of Athletics to discuss the situation.
- 2) At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Research indicates that a student involved in co-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 the Dripping Springs ISD Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.