

### ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. 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 child's coach. Other issues must be left to the discretion of the coach.

1. Amount of playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student / athletes
5. Selection of special recognition and / or award recipients.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parents. 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, the procedures below should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

### IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH, PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE

1. A first-hand message can be left for any coach who teaches at the school.
2. Go to district website and e-mail the coach.
3. If the coach does not work at the school, call the Athletic Director - 609-971-2020 @ ext: 2043 and leave a message for the coach to contact you.
4. Please do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. At these times, emotions run high and resolution is not promoted.

### WHAT STEPS CAN A PARENT TAKE IF THE MEETING WITH THE COACH DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION?

Call the Athletic Director and make an appointment to discuss the situation. At this meeting further appropriate steps can be determined. Please note that oftentimes, the Director of Athletics will not meet with a parent if a situation has not been discussed at length with the appropriate coaching staff.

## PARENT - COACH RELATIONSHIP

## LACEY TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## WHY ATHLETICS?

Because research indicates a student involved in extracurricular and co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, we promote and encourage participation in interscholastic athletics. Many of the character traits required to be a contributing sports participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school.

We trust that the information provided in this pamphlet makes the experience of you and your child at the Lacey Township High School / Middle School athletic program rich, rewarding, and less stressful.

## N.J.S.I.A.A. ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

### Preface

In August, 2002, P.L. 2002 c.74 was signed granting school districts permission to develop an Athletic Code of Conduct. The genesis of this law is a result of unruly behavior by players, coaches and fans attending interscholastic athletic events.

The purpose of this policy is to define behavioral actions and address unethical behaviors that impact all concerned parties.

### Policy

No person is permitted to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any student, student-athlete, coach, official, parent, or spectator at an athletic contest or practice.

No person is permitted to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly create a risk thereof he/she:

- 1) engages in fighting or threatening or violent or tumultuous behavior; and
- 2) creates a hazardous or physically dangerous condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose (2C:33-2) at an athletic contest or practice.

The Director of Athletics or his/her designee has the right to have person(s) involved in the above mentioned behaviors be removed from school property using police if necessary.

Violation will result in the following actions:

- ▶ Suspension from event site; duration determined by building principal
- ▶ Meeting with building principal and athletic director
- ▶ Written reprimand will be sent to the person(s) involved

Repeated violations will result in the following actions:

- ▶ Further suspension
- ▶ Written verification of attendance at anger management counseling conference prior to re-evaluation of further action
- ▶ Police/Legal action by school district

Lacey Township High School / Middle School follows the chain of command listed below.

We ask that you observe it if you elect to pursue any concern you may have regarding the athletic program.

1. Assistant Coach (if applicable)
2. Head Coach
3. Athletic Director
4. Principal
5. Superintendent

## PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIPS

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 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 of your child's program.

## COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

1. Philosophy of the school district
2. Philosophy of the coach
3. Expectations for your child and all players on squad
4. Locations and time of practices and contests
5. Team requirements, i.e. special equipment, off-season conditioning, fund raising
6. Procedures should your child be injured during participation

## APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

As your children become involved in the programs at Lacey Township High School / Middle 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 child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

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

