

Athens Bluejay Parent-Coach Communication

AHS is very excited to have your son/daughter choosing to participate in athletics for the Fighting Athens Bluejays. Our Fighting Athens Bluejay Coaching Staff will do all they can to provide a positive experience for him/her. Possibly the most important ingredient to achieve this outcome is to insure that lines of communication are developed to allow for quick and easy resolution of questions or concerns before they become conflicts. As a parent, you have a right to know what expectations are being presented to your athlete. This letter is intended to spell out all levels of communication so that parents, coaches and athletes are aware of the steps we have available to resolve anything that might become an issue of great concern.

Communication you can expect from our Fighting Athens Bluejay Coaching Staff

1. Philosophy of the program
2. Expectations the coaching staff has for your athlete
3. Practice and game schedules and changes in schedule if necessary
4. Team requirements
5. Emergency procedures in case of injury
6. Code of Conduct and discipline plan
7. Notification of lost or outstanding equipment at the end of the season

Communication our Fighting Athens Bluejay Coaching Staff expects from parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach. Athletes are expected to discuss issues with their coach before parents become involved.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
3. Specific concerns in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

As a result of becoming an Athens Fighting Bluejay, your son/daughter may experience some of the most rewarding moments of his/her life. It is important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you or your athlete wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach may be desirable to clear up the issue and avoid any misunderstandings.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with our Fighting Athens Bluejay Coaching Staff

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

Issues not appropriate to discuss with the coaching staff

1. Playing Time
2. Team Strategies
3. Play Calling
4. Matters concerning other Student-Athletes

It may be very difficult to accept the fact that your son/daughter is not playing as much as you would want or at the position that you would want. Our Fighting Athens Bluejay Coaching Staff makes judgement decisions based on what they believe to be best for all athletes involved. Certain topics can be and should be discussed with our Fighting Athens Bluejay Coaching Staff. Other things, such as those listed above, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

*** Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parents and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution and may even exacerbate the issue.**

Our Fighting Athens Bluejay Coaching Staff will follow the line in staff, as listed below. We ask that you observe and use this line in staff, if you elect to pursue any concerns you may have regarding your son/daughter.

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