#### PARENT/COACH RELATIONS

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 children. As parents, when your student-athlete becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your student-athlete. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your student-athlete's program.

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# COMMUNICATION EXPECTED FROM YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S COACH

- + Philosophy of the coach.
- Expectations the coach has for your student-athlete as well as all the players on the squad.
- + Locations and times of all practices and contests.
- Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off -season conditioning.
- Procedure should your student-athlete be injured during participation.
- Discipline that results in the denial of your studentathlete's participation.

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### COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific concern in regard to a coach's expectations.

As your student-athlete becomes involved in the programs of the Everett Public Schools 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-athlete wish. At these times discussion with the coach may be appropriate.

### APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- + The treatment of your student-athlete, mentally and physically.
- Ways to help your student-athlete improve both athletically and academically.
- + Concerns about your student-athlete's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your student-athlete's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all the team and all students involved. As you have seen from the list above certain things can be and should be discussed with your student-athlete's coach. Other things, such as those listed below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Part of the growth experience of the student-athlete is accepting the team concept. Student-athletes are often able to resolve conflicts that may arise between coaches and themselves, before parent intervention. This type of positive behavior between coaches and student-athletes is vital to the success of any athletic program.

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# ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- Playing time
- + Team strategy
- Play calling
- + Other student-athletes

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

### PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

- + Call the appropriate school to set up an appointment with the coach. The phone numbers are listed on the reverse of this pamphlet.
- If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Coordinator. They will facilitate a meeting date and time for you.
- 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.

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# WHAT CAN A PARENT DO IF THE MEETING WITH THE COACH DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION

- Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Coordinator to discuss the situation.
- At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Since research indicates a student involved in cocurricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, 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 make both your student-athlete's and your experience with the Everett Public Schools Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

Thank you for your continued support in youth activities!

The Everett School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX officer and/or Section 504/ADA coordinator.

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