

PARENT / ATHLETE / COACH ROLES AND COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE

PHILOSOPHY

Success requires a great commitment from all the coaches, athletes and parents. In order for all of us to be successful, we must have an open line of communication. The Clear Lake Volleyball Program believes strongly in being accessible to the parents. We are continually trying to improve the lines of communication with the student athletes and their parents. For our program to be successful, it must be an effort from all involved.

Parent Roles:

- 1) Be a fan of EVERYONE on the team.
- 2) Respect the decisions of the fans, coaches, players and referees.
- 3) Talk to you child if she has any questions. If she still has questions, have the athlete contact the coach through agreed-upon procedures.
- 4) Keep any negative thoughts about a coach, the program or teammates to yourself.
- 5) Do not talk to coaches on a game day about a concern.
- 6) Be supportive of your child.
- 7) Appropriate topics to discuss with your coach.
 - a. Any unhealthy mental or physical strain that you detect in our child at home.
 - b. How you can contribute and help your athlete's skill improvement and development (at the appropriate time.)
 - c. Any dramatic changes that you see or suspect in your athlete's behavior.

Player Roles:

- 1) Be positive and have a good attitude.
- 2) Support all your teammates.
- 3) If you have questions, contact your coach first, and then follow the chain of command.
- 4) Know and follow the school and team rules.
- 5) Challenge yourself as an athlete, student and person.
- 6) Meet classroom expectations.
- 7) Notify the coach of any scheduling conflicts well in advance.

Coaches Roles:

- 1) Set an example for players and fans.
- 2) Be positive, fair and consistent with players.
- 3) Be a good communicator with players and parents.
- 4) Keep communication pathways open.
- 5) Have knowledge of the game.
- 6) Make each and every player a better athlete, student and person.
- 7) Model and teach all components of a 'complete' athlete, on and off the court.

If you have concerns to discuss with the Coach:

- 1) Make an appointment with the coach. Never approach the coach after a game.
- 2) Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or following a contest or practice. These can be busy and emotional times for both parent and the coach and this period does not promote objective analysis of the situation.
- 3) If not satisfied with the meeting with your respective coach, call and set up an appointment with the head coach. If problems still persist, follow the chain of command: your coach, head coach, athletic director, principal, etc.