

### Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student-athletes
5. Selection of players

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 party's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

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### Concern procedures

1. Call to set up an appointment. The NVHS phone number is (641) 743-6141.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Activity Director, Dave Huff, who will set up the meeting.
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 do not promote resolution.

### Due Process if no resolution

1. Parent may call and set up an appointment with the Activities Director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular 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.

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### **The Sportsmanship Pledge**

***\*I will cheer for good plays or players on either team.***

***\*I will not direct profanity or cursing towards officials, players, or coaches.***

***\*I will accept responsibility for all my actions.***

***\*I will accept the outcome of the contest no matter the victor.***

# Nodaway Valley High School Activities Department



*Home of the  
Nodaway Valley  
Wolverines!*

# Guidelines Parent / Coach Relations & Sportsmanship

# Statement of Nodaway Valley Activity Philosophy

We hope the information provided here makes both your child's and your experience with the Nodaway Valley Athletic programs less stressful and more enjoyable.

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## Relationship/Communication

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 others and provide greater benefit to the student. As parents, 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.

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## Communication to Parents from the Coach

1. Expectations the coach has of your child as well as all the players on the squad.
2. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
3. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season expectations.
4. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.
5. Team rules and guidelines, and lettering requirements.

## Communication to coaches from athletes

1. Athletes should express concerns immediately and directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance.
3. Special concerns in regards to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your children become involved in the athletic programs at NVHS, 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.

## 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'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 students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as the following must be left to the discretion of the coach.

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## FUNDAMENTALS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Gain an understanding of and appreciation for the rules of the contest.

Recognize and appreciate skilled performance regardless of which team the athlete is on.

Respect the opponent and the officials.

## GENERAL SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES

Be a gracious host and show respect for your opponents.

Respect the decisions of contest officials.

Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every possible manner.

Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.



***BE A FAN, NOT A FANATIC!***