

Kewanee High School

Athletics

“In Pursuit of Excellence”

Supporting Student Athletes

Our school promotes participation in athletics. We feel that this can be rewarding and help to develop “life skills” those students will use for the rest of their life. We invite you to support all of our students by attending events and cheering in a positive and encouraging manner. A positive comment from a parent (or even from another adult) following a victory or a tough loss means a great deal to a player.

We encourage you to support all of our students by displaying good sportsmanship at all events. Neither the students nor officials “intentionally” make mistakes. Please extend appreciation to our students, our coach, our opponents and to the officials for their efforts. Through displaying good sportsmanship, you are providing an extremely important example for our students.

We hope that this pamphlet will serve as a foundation of a rewarding experience in athletics for your child.

Thank you in advance for everything you do for our school. Remember, it is best for everyone involved when parents are positive role models for our young student-athletes.

Respectfully,

Greg Christakos, Athletic Director
Kewanee C.U.S.D. #229

Procedure for Discussion of a Concern

1. Call the school at 309 853-3328 to schedule an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, contact the athletic director and he will find a time for you to meet with the coach.

Please do not attempt to discuss a concern with a coach before, during or after a game or practice. These are times or settings that are not conducive to solving problems in a constructive manner.

Ideally, we feel that a face to face conference with the coach is in the best interest of parents as well as the coach. We also recognize that there may be times when the coach and parent do not achieve a shared understanding as a result of the conference.

The Next Step

1. Call the Athletic Director @ 309 853-3328 ext. 2320 and ask for his involvement. If possible he will help you resolve the problem.
2. If a resolution is still not reached, the parent should contact the principal.
3. If resolution is still not reached, the parent should contact the Kewanee C.U.S.D. #229 Superintendent of Schools.
4. Finally, if resolution has still not been resolved, the parent should ask the Superintendent to schedule a closed session with the Board of Education.



“Simply the Best”

Guidelines For Parent/Coach

Philosophy of Kewanee Athletics

PARTICIPATION in interscholastic athletics provides the potential to extend and enhance student learning and personal growth far beyond the classroom. The opportunity to try-out and/or participate is a privilege and not an inherent right. Thus, students who voluntarily elect to exercise this privilege must comply with the standards of conduct and the rules and regulations unique to each sport. Participation fosters many lifelong values that are important to personal development including, but not limited to, working together toward common goals, physical development, goal setting, dedication, learning the principles of fair play and winning or losing with dignity. Regardless of the amount of playing time or whether the team has a winning or losing season, these lessons (values) remain embedded with the experience.

While acknowledging that “winning isn’t the only thing” coaches are committed to providing our teams with the best opportunity to “do their best” within the rules of the game, representing our school in a manner which inspires, supports and exemplifies the “pride” of Kewanee.

Parent Coach Relationship

KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZES that coaching and parenting are very different vocations. Each of these roles offers a different perspective of a child’s involvement in athletics. While there are times when the perceptions of parents and coaches are aligned, it is unrealistic to expect that this will always be the case. For that reason we believe that it is important to clearly define what you can expect of our coaches. It is also important for you to have an understanding of the procedures commonly called the “chain of command” between you and your child’s coach. Finally, we believe that with parent cooperation and understanding, our interscholastic teams will continue the tradition of excellence during interscholastic competition.

Coach’s Communication to Parent

YOU SHOULD EXPECT to receive the following information in writing from the coach not later than the first date of practice.

1. Expectations the coach has for all team members.
2. Locations and times for practices and Games.
3. Sport specific discipline rules and procedures that may impact “participation time.”
4. Procedures that will be followed if your child becomes injured.



Parent’s Communication to Coach

AT KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL WE RECOGNIZE that there will always be issues needing resolution. We also believe that it is in the best interest of everyone to seek resolution at the lowest possible level.

1. Step 1: Concerns should be first addressed directly to the coach involved through a meeting between the coach and parent(s) at an agreed upon time.
2. Step 2: Concerns not resolved through step 1 should be brought to the attention of the Athletic Director where a second resolution attempt will be made.
3. Step 3: Concerns still not resolved should then be submitted in writing to the district administration.
4. Step 4: Concerns still not resolved may then be appealed to the Board.

As your child becomes involved in athletics at Kewanee C.U.S.D. #229 he/she will experience highs and lows that are a part of athletic competition. We believe that these experiences will provide your child with an opportunity to grow and to learn skills and lessons that he/she may apply in aspects of life that extend beyond the playing field and/or gymnasium. If the lows, however, begin to get your child down, we encourage you to speak with the coach.

Appropriate Issues for Discussion with Coaches

1. The mental, physical and emotional treatment of your child.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child’s behavior.

One of the most common areas of discussion is “playing time.” Decisions regarding playing time are at the sole discretion of the coach.

Coaches are professionals, hired by the Board of Education, and charged with the responsibility to make decisions based on what they believe best for all students (players) involved. Obviously, there are times when you may not agree with the coach’s decision, but this is an issue that is not appropriate to discuss with the coach until the end of the season. Both the coach and the administration must sanction deviations from this.

Issues Not Appropriate for Discussion with Coaches

1. Playing Time
2. Team Strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student athletes; other coaches

Situations may arise which require a conference between the coach and the parent. We encourage these meetings since they open the channels of communication and can lead to increasing the understanding between the coach, parent and player. When a conference needs to be held, we would like you to follow certain procedures.