



Communication Expectations between the Coach, Parent and Player

Coach-Initiated With Parents:

- Before Team Selection Process
 - Method: Posted Document
 - Subject: Per potential team - level of play, team training days/times, team camp days; general game schedule; planned tournaments, name and credentials of coach; expectations of player commitment
- Team Selection Process
 - Method: On-field meeting
 - Subject: When and how players will be notified; estimate of number of teams in the age group and level of play; estimate of roster size
- Preseason Meeting
 - Method: Team Meeting
 - Subject: Team goals; Volunteer recruiting; expectations of player commitment; communications protocol; team rules
- Pre Showcase / Tournament Meeting
 - Method: Team Meeting (before last practice) information may be conducted via email.
 - Subject: Team tournament goals; team schedule / social agenda / hotel / dinner; expectations of player behavior; guest players if any.
- Post Showcase / Tournament Meeting
 - Method: Team Meeting (after last game)
 - Subject: Team tournament results relative to team goals; upcoming week's training agenda; playing time, college coach comments if relative;
- Player Evaluations
 - Method: Personal Meeting (scheduled)
 - Subject: Explanation of player ratings, strengths, weaknesses, areas of improvement
- Special Circumstance
 - Method: Team Meeting (after game)
 - Subject: Reassurance; reminder of team communication protocol
- Mid-Season Review

- Method: Team Meeting (after game)
- Subject: Reassurance; reminder of team communication protocol; team evaluation relative to team goals
- Individual Player Defection / Player Promotion / Player Demotion / New Player Add
 - Method: Team Meeting (after practice) / Team Email Distribution
 - Subject: FYI
- Coach Status Change (missing game/event, resignation)
 - Method: Team Meeting (a.s.a.p. with Director)
 - Subject: Explanation of circumstances
- Post-Season Review
 - Method: Team Meeting (after last game)
 - Subject: Team evaluation relative to team goals

Coach-Initiated with Individual Players:

- Every time the coach interacts with the players there is communication.
- Individual Player Status Change (starter demoted, no playing time during a game, reduced role or diminished playing time over time, verbal altercation)
 - Method: Personal Meeting with Player and Parent (after practice)
 - Subject: Explanation of circumstances or team rules

Parent-Initiated with Coach

- Absence from Event
- Withdrawal from Team
- Upon Parent Request

Please note these are general guidelines with exception depending on age groups.