

You can expect communication from your child's coach/advisor about these topics.

1. Philosophy of the Coach/Advisor
2. Expectations the coach/advisor has for your child as well as all players on the squad.
3. Locations and times of all practices, contests and meetings.
4. Team/organization/club requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning, etc.
5. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that results in denial of your child's participation.

What do coaches/advisors have the right to expect from parents?

- 1) Concerns expressed directly to the coach /advisor in a respectful and professional manner
- 2) Respect as a person and professional
- 3) Support for their time and effort
- 4) Responsible communication efforts

As your child becomes involved in programs at RAHS, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes.

These are appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches/advisors.

1. Ways you can provide support
2. Ways to help your child improve
3. Concerns about your child's behavior

Coaches/advisors are professionals and are expected to act and make decisions as such. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved.

As you can see from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those identified below, must be left to the discretion of the coach/advisor.

These are issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches/advisors.

- 1) Playing time/ Participation level
- 2) Team strategy/Game planning
- 3) Play calling/decision making/etc.
- 4) Issues related to other students/athletes

In many cases, issues related to participation may have already been discussed between your child and their coach/advisor. Please talk to your son/daughter and encourage them to discuss participation issues with coaches/advisors directly.

Conflict Resolution

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

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach/advisor, this is the procedure you should follow.

- 1) Call the coach/advisor to set up an appointment.
 - Coach/advisor will inform AD of the request for a meeting, etc.
- 2) Telephone numbers are:
RAHS 524-4327 Middle 524-2328
- 3) If the coach/advisor cannot be reached, call Bryan Yager, Activities Director, at RAHS 524-4327 ext. 1104.
- 4) **Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest and/or practice.**

These can be emotional times for both the parents and the coaches. Meetings of this nature do not promote constructive communication and/or resolutions.

If the meeting did not provide a satisfactory resolution you may...

1. Call the Activities Director to discuss the situation.
2. Any additional meetings, if appropriate, will be determined after AD has spoken with all parties involved.



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Both parenting and coaching /advising are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding at each position, we are better able to accept the action of the other and provide a greater benefit to children.

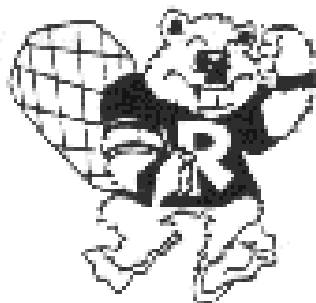
Research indicates that students involved in extra/co-curricular activities have a greater chance for success in adulthood. The character traits such as **leadership, communication, respect, integrity** and **teamwork** are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school.

As parents, when your children become involved in our programs, you have the right to understand the expectations that coaches/advisors have of your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach/advisor of your child's program.

We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Reedsburg Area High School extra/co-curricular programs less stressful and more enjoyable.

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

**Communication
is the KEY!**



**We can't
hide that
Beaver
Pride!**

REEDSBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL Activities Department

**Guidelines for
Parent/Coach/Advisor
Communications**

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**Leadership
Communication
Respect
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Team**