HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT - COACH Communication Plan

The Hamburg Area School District believes athletics are a valued component of the overall educational process, and are integral to the mission and goals of the District. As Athletic Director, I would like our athletes to have the strong character necessary to meet life's challenges, on and off the field. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. However, good character does not just happen. It is the responsibility of each individual involved (student-athletes, parents, coaches, administrators, and support staff) in interscholastic athletics to **T**each, **E**nforce, **A**dvocate, and **M**odel the concept "character counts". Everyone must be dedicated to strengthening the character of young people through the promotion of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. We should all act as good role models by PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR.

Athletic Director
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Head Coaches

FALL

HS Girls Soccer—*Guy Miller, gsoccerhawks@ptd.net*

MS Girls Soccer— *Jeremy Kamp, beanbryce78@aol.com*

HS Football—*Tyler Hartranft, tylhar@hasdhawks.org*

MS Football—*Rich Reinhart Jr, richreinhart21@gmail.com*

HS Field Hockey—*Veronica Heffner, veronicaheckman14@gmail.com*

MS Field Hockey—*Nora Harrison, norhar@hasdhawks.org*

HS Boys Soccer—*Chris Zalasky, chrzal@hasdhawks.org*

MS Boys Soccer—*Rebecca Henne, becca7540@comcast.net*

HS B/G Cross Country —*Wyatt Conrad, wconradxc@gmail.com*

MS B/G Cross Country—*Nancy Thomas, nantho@hasdhawks.org*

HS Girls Tennis—*Leon Bucheit, leobuc@hasdhawks.org*

HS Cheer—*Nicole Valentino, stoudt79@comcast.net*

MS Cheer—*Katilin Herflicker, kaitlinherflicker@gmail.com*

HS B/G Golf—*Dwight Heckman, dew09@msn.com*

WINTER

HS Boys Basketball— *Justin Bentz, justinbentz@comcast.net*

MS Boys Basketball—*Kevin McFarland, kevmcfa@hasdhawks.org*

HS Girls Basketball—*Amanda McBreen, amamcb@hasdhawks.org*

MS Girls Basketball—*Julia Kutz, julkut@hasdhawks.org*

HS Cheer—*Nicole Valentino, stoudt79@comcast.net*

MS Cheer—*Katilin Herflicker, kaitlinherflicker@gmail.com*

HS B/G Bowling—*Dwight Heckman, dew09@msn.com*

HS Wrestling—*Duane Maurer, djkr4@comcast.net*

HS Wrestling Girls—*Lauraanemes@yahoo.com*

JH Wrestling— *TBA*

HS B/G Winter Track—*Leon Blatt, leobla@hasdhawks.org*

SPRING

HS Baseball—*Mark Dietrich, madlcd9@gmail.com*

MS Baseball—*Jeremy Kamp, beanbryce78@aol.com*

HS Softball—*Nora Harrison, norhar@hasdhawks.org*

MS Softball— *Ryan Pugliese, ryapug@hasdhawks.org*

HS B/G Track—*Leon Blatt, leobla@hasdhawks.org*

MS B/G Track—*Wyatt Conrad, wconradxc@gmail.com*

HS Boys Tennis—*Bud Bucheit, leobuc@hasdhawks.org*

Communication Plan

Parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefits to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, 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.

Examples Of Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach

1. Expectations the coach has for your child as a member of the squad.
2. Locations and times of all practices, bus departures, contests, and other team functions.
3. Policies that, if violated, may result in the termination of your child's participation.
4. Team-specific requirements, including equipment.

Examples Of Communication Coaches Should Expect From Parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach, not the community.
2. Advance notification of schedule conflicts.
3. Identify the reasons your child will be absent from practices and/or contests.

***If your child is injured or sick enough to visit a doctor, your child will not be permitted to participate in contests without clearance from a doctor. Injury does not excuse a participant from attending practices or contests.

As your child becomes involved in the athletic program of the Hamburg Area School District, 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.

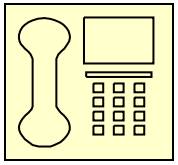
Examples Of Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Your Child's Coach

1. The treatment of your child.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept when your child does not play as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved—the TEAM. Certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other topics, such as the following, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Examples of Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss With Your Child's Coach

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy and tactics.
3. Other student-athletes.



Important Contact Information

Hamburg Area School District (610) 562-2241
Athletic Office x2570
Guidance Office x2540
Indoor Training Room (winter) x2333
Fieldhouse Training Room (fall/spring) x2603

Athletic Office email: aarmen@hasdhawks.org

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

Procedure For Discussing Concerns



1. **Encourage your child to speak directly to the coach. This can often clear up many issues, and is always the best place to start.**
2. If the player / coach meeting does not resolve the concern, phone your child's coach to set up an appointment with your child, the coach and yourself. It is important to clarify for the coach the issue for which you are seeking resolution.
3. If the player / coach / parent meeting does not resolve the concern, phone the athletic department to set up a meeting with you, your child's coach, and the athletic director.

*****Coaches should not be confronted with problems before or after a contests & practices. These can be emotional times for both the parent & coach. Meetings of this nature rarely promote resolution.**

10 Recommended Reads



1. **101 Ways To Be A Terrific Sports Parent**, Dr. Joel Fish
2. **The Sport Parent's Manual**, Tom Doyle
3. **Raising A Team Player**, Harry Sheehy
4. **Just Let The Kids Play**, Bob Bigelow
5. **The Sports Parenting Edge**, Rick Wolff
6. **Why Johnny Hates Sports**, Fred Engh
7. **Positive Coaching**, Jim Thompson
8. **Successful Coaching**, Rainer Martens
9. **The New Toughness Training For Sport**, Dr. James Loehr
10. **Playing Beyond The Scoreboard**, Craig Hiller