

Sandwich High Girls Soccer Expectations & Guidelines
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A. Parent/Coach Relationship: Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult jobs. By establishing and understanding each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to the players. As parents, when your child becomes involved with a team, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child by the Coach. This begins with clear communication from the coach, and parents knowing their role and not over stepping their boundaries.

B. Communication you CAN expect from the Coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child.
3. Locations and times of practices and games.
4. Team requirements, i.e. user fees, forms, code of conduct, equipment, off season expectations, etc.
5. Procedure should your child get injured during participation.
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation.

C. Communication coaches SHOULD expect from Parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concern in regards to the coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

Please understand that being involved with this team, your child 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. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

D. APPROPRIATE concerns to discuss with the Coach or Coaches:

1. 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 is best for all players and the team. As outlined in letters A-C above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed below in section E must be left to the discretion and judgment of the coach. All players at at Sandwich High School will be made aware of where they stand and why decisions are made. In fact, 9 out of 10 times the player will already know why decisions were made before they came home complaining to the parent about the coach. Please ask your child "did the Coach explain why you didn't play much"?

E. Issues NOT APPROPRIATE to discuss with the Coach:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Coaching decisions.
4. Other members of the team.

There are extreme situations that may require a conference between a coach and a parent. These should be encouraged IF the situation warrants. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others position. When these meetings are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

F. Coach/Parent conference procedure that parent should follow:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. Do not email or text the coach. Email & Texting are not effective Ways to communicate.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or after a game or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote solid resolutions.

G. What can the parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a Satisfactory resolution: (Chain of command)

1. Set up an appointment with the Varsity Coach, then
2. Set up an appointment with the Athletic Director, then
3. Set up an appointment with a Vice-Principal, then
4. Set up a meeting with the Principal.

H. Simple player expectations for all players in the Sandwich High School Girls Soccer Program:

Be accountable for all your actions, be self-aware, and be willing to do whatever it takes to help the team be successful, respect the: opponent/referees/teammates/coaches/school, practice hard, be punctual, be receptive to coaching, don't facilitate drama, don't be selfish, no swearing, don't speak when coaches are addressing the team, don't bring peripheral distractions to the field.

Coaches:

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