

Eagle Valley High School

No Contact Rule

Most people are aware of incidences of negative parent-coach contact. Many schools are now instituting and enforcing policies that insure that complaints parents may have with a coach are dealt with in a constructive fashion. As you know, coaches spend a lot of time with your students. They try to make the best decisions they can on a daily basis. As parents we sometimes become frustrated when our child does not make the varsity squad, play as much as we think they should, or we don't agree with a coach's philosophy. The person that is affected most is the athlete if an abusive situation with a parent/coach confrontation develops. In the heat of the moment words can fly and tempers explode that everyone wishes would not have been said and could be taken back the next day

The Eagle Valley High School Athletic Department has received much input from parents and coaches concerning this problem. We have come up with a positive solution we feel that will help everyone. We have instituted a **no negative contact/non-abusive contact rule** with all coaching staff at EVHS. This means that any negative or abusive contact from a parent before, after, or during an athletic event (including phone calls to a coach's home and/or emails) will result in the suspension of both the player and the parent for two games.

This does not mean that parents are excluded from expressing their opinion and their concerns. Parents who feel they have legitimate concerns need an avenue in which to air them. If you have a concern, please call Cliff Zehring, Eagle Valley Athletic Director at 328-8960 and you will be asked to address your concern through a written complaint. The letter should be sent to Clilff Zehring. Next, a meeting will be set up and all parties concerned will have the opportunity to discuss the issue. Hopefully, by addressing concerns in a constructive way the issue can be resolved and relationships between parent/coaches will be more positive.

Please understand we are doing everything we can to maintain the integrity of our sport programs at EVHS. We are all here for the athletes. Let's show them how adults resolve conflict in a positive manner.

The Eagle County School District Athletic Handbook can be obtained from our web site www.evhs.eagleschools.net If you do not have access to a computer, a copy of the handbook is available in the main office at Eagle Valley High School.

.....

I _____, parent of _____ understand that if I have a concern with a coach or athletic program I will address it with a letter the following day (i.e., "the Morning After Technique"). I will be contacted within one week (7 days) after the school receives my letter for an update of the status of my concern. I understand that if I am abusive verbally or physically to a coach before, during or after a game my son/daughter and I/we will be suspended from the next two games/matches.

Date

Parent signature

Date

Student signature

Twelve Things Students at Eagle Valley High School Want Spectators and Parents to Remember

1. Be supportive of me, my teammates, and my coaches; don't put down the opposing team players or coaches.
2. Be proud of me – win or lose.
3. Understand that players, coaches, and officials are human – we all make mistakes.
4. Provide feedback – but wait until I'm ready for it.
5. Don't take the game more serious than me.
6. Know the rules, but don't be the ref.
7. Remember, it's just a game.
8. Exemplify the expected behavior.
9. Practice what you preach.
10. Be interested.
11. Remember, I will only be doing this for a short time – enjoy it while we can.
12. Cheer for me always.