

HAMILTON HEIGHTS HUSKIES

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Hamilton Heights High School is a proud member of the Mid-Indiana Conference as well as the Indiana High School Athletic Association and competes interscholastically in an extensive 19- sport program. We maintain a strong commitment to providing first-class facilities and retaining a dedicated coaching staff that provides outstanding leadership and guidance for all Husky athletes.

We believe strongly in the role athletics play in the educational process but maintain that it is an honor to have the opportunity to compete and represent our school and community as a member of an athletic team. Success in athletics requires dedication, sacrifice, and a sincere desire to reach the fullest of one's potential. This effort generates tremendous individual, team, school, and community pride.

ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance to school and practice is very important and expected. Student athletes must have attended the final three classes the day of a contest to be able to participate in his/her athletic event. Student athletes must be in class by the start of 4th period. Approved school activities constitute attending school. Any other exemptions (funeral, dental, doctor, college visitation day, etc.) must be approved through the athletic office.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY "Take 5 - Pass 5"

To be scholastically eligible, students must have received passing grades at the end of their last grading period in school in at least 5 full credit subjects or the equivalent and must be currently passing in at least 5 full credit subjects or the equivalent.

PRACTICES

All team members are expected to attend all practices. Practice schedules during school vacation are set by the coach, and only the coach can excuse an athlete from practice. Practices during closing of school (snow, etc.) are often held and attendance at these practices is considered voluntary. It is the responsibility of the athlete to contact the coach if an absence is necessary. If the coach is unavailable, please contact the athletic office at 984-3551 Ext. 1320 or 1239 and leave a message for the coach.

"Husky"

Being a Husky is not something you automatically belong to.....

YOU EARN IT...

YOU FEEL IT...

YOU LOVE IT...

The close bond of being a HUSKY is not inherited, nor is it a gift to you.

YOU

Must have a passion to be a part of a rich HUSKY tradition.

Will you be simply a member and participate,

Or will you be a HUSKY and compete?

What legacy will you leave behind when you leave

Hamilton Heights High School?

Will it be rich in hard work, commitment, sacrifice, dedication, pride, execution, and fun?

Or will it be sliding by and riding the coat tails of those who have gone before you, who have done their part to carry on the winning HUSKY tradition???



Parent/Coach

Communication

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PARENT / COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both 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 benefit to students. As parents, when your child becomes 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 team.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the team.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Procedures should your child be injured during practice or contest.
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation.

COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS

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

As your children become involved in the programs at Hamilton Heights High School, 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.

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. The 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 when your child is not playing 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. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as the following, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student-athletes



There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. Is it 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, THE PROCEDURE YOU SHOULD FOLLOW:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Director of Athletics, 317-984-3551.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote resolution.

The Next Step

WHAT CAN A PARENT DO IF THE MEETING WITH THE COACH DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION?

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Director of Athletics to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood; therefore, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be successful participation are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both you and your child's experience with the Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.



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