



Parent/Coach Communication Guide



WELCOME TO STAHA!

We are very pleased that your child has chosen to play hockey with the Tahoe Grizzlies. STAHA will do all that we can to provide a positive experience for your athlete. To support this experience we have found it essential to establish open lines of communication between athletes, team managers, coaches, parents, and the STAHA Board. This allows for quick resolution to questions and concerns before they become issues.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR ATHLETE'S COACH AND/OR TEAM MANAGER

1. Coaching Philosophy
2. Expectations the Coach has for your Athlete
3. Locations and times of practices and games
4. Team rules/requirements
5. Player code of conduct and consequences for not following those guidelines
6. Notification in the event your athlete is injured

PLAYERS-COACHES-PARENTS OFFICIALS-SPECTATORS

We must all work together to support the efforts of our athletes. As spectators we represent the Tahoe Grizzlies just as members of the team do. Thank you for demonstrating your Grizzlies Pride by being a positive influence on our athletes, coaches, officials and fans.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Provide positive support, care, and encouragement to your athlete and his/her team.
2. Demonstrate respect and sportsmanship toward visiting teams, their coaches, officials and their fans.
3. Allow the coach to be reasonable for your athlete during practice, games and team related activities.
4. Realize that athletics are part of life experiences, and the benefits of involvement go beyond individual accomplishment and the final score of a game.
5. Assist in providing for your athlete's safety and welfare.
6. Demonstrate dignity under all circumstances. **BE A FAN...NOT A FANATIC!** The leadership role you take in sportsmanship will help influence your athlete, and our community, for years to come.
7. Abide by and support any rules, guidelines or policies of STAHA, NORCAL, CAHA and/or USA HOCKEY.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

1. Be Positive! Let your athlete know that being a part of the team is a great accomplishment.
2. Encourage your athlete to work hard and do their best
3. Teach respect for authority; this includes coaches, officials, and other adults
4. Encourage your athlete to follow the team, STAHA, NORCAL, CAHA and USA Hockey rules
5. Be there for your athlete when support is needed

APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION WITH COACHES

1. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
2. The treatment of your athlete, physically and mentally
3. Ways/methods to help your athlete improve
4. Clarification about the expectation of your athlete
5. Information about the health and well-being of your athlete or concerns about your athlete's behavior

INAPPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION WITH COACHES

1. Playing time
2. Team Strategy
3. Play Calling
4. Matters concerning other athletes

MEETING PROCEDURE

1. Your son/daughter should first talk with the coach about his/her questions or concerns
2. Please do not approach the coach before, during or after a game or practices.
3. Contact the team manager or coach to set up a meeting.

MEETING PROGRESSION FOR CONCERN RESOLUTIONS

1. Team Manager
2. Assistant Coach
3. Head Coach
4. Coaching Staff Director
5. President
6. Executive Board