



Athletic Department Parent Code of Conduct

Bangor Township Schools is proud to be a two-time recipient (2012 and 2019) of the **Kenny Van Slyke Sportsmanship Award**. The memorial award is an annual selection to recognize the positive experiences of our athletic programs. It includes athlete/coach behavior and sportsmanship, sportsmanship of adult/student fans, quality of facilities and overall game management. In order to adhere to these standards, parents should encourage student-athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, and should model good sportsmanship by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control. For a student to participate in athletics at John Glenn High School and Christa McAuliffe Middle School the student's parents must obey this Code of Conduct. Parents must be responsible for their words and actions while attending a Bangor Township Schools athletic event, home or away, and obey this Code of Conduct.

In discussing concerns relating to the student's athletic experience, both parents and students must follow the Chain of Command outlined by the Athletic Department. All concerns must be heard by the lowest possible level BEFORE intervention of a higher authority can be heard.

Chain of Command:

Step 1. Student to Coach- This meeting should be done in private, away from practice sites and game arenas, and should be conducted face to face. Students who do not feel comfortable speaking solely to the coach may request a parent to be present, however the meeting should be conducted by the athlete.

Step 2. Parent to Coach- This meeting should be done in private, away from practice sites and game arenas, and should be conducted face to face.

Step 3. Student/Parent to Coach and Athletic Director- If an agreeable solution is not reached, then the Athletic Director may conduct a meeting between the parties in an attempt to find resolution.

Students and Parents must follow the chain of command and address any concerns directly with the coach, in respectful manner at an appropriate time and location (never on the same day as a game – 24 hours after any game). If the concerns still exist, the student and parent may then contact the athletic director to schedule an appointment to discuss further with the coach and athletic director.

In addition, Parents must not engage in or encourage their child or anyone else to engage in the following:

1. Verbal or physical threats or abuse of any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
2. Any behavior that would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
3. The use of profanity;
4. Initiating a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
5. Coaching any player from the sidelines or stands during practice or competition, as this may be distracting to the individual and the team, and may directly conflict with the coach's strategy;

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In addition, Parents must not engage in or encourage their child or anyone else to engage in the following: (continued)

6. Approaching a coach to discuss the coach's strategy or the playing time of a player immediately before, during or after a game. Please wait until the next day to contact a coach.
7. Posting on any social media site with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning or derogatory comments will not be tolerated.

Parents who violate this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by authorized game or school officials, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

- Verbal or written warning;
- Suspension or immediate ejection from a sports event; and/or
- Season suspension or multiple season suspension.