

Crew Parent/Coach Communications

This is a direct adaptation from Xavier Athletic Dept.

Parent /Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are 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 daughter becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are communicated from the coach.

Communication You Expect from the Coach/Club

- 1) Philosophy of the coach
- 2) Expectation the coach has for your daughter as well as all the members of the crew.
- 3) Location and times of all practices and contests
- 4) Team requirements, i.e., fees, uniforms, attendance, fundraising requirements
- 5) Procedures should your daughter be injured during practice or at a meet.
- 6) Discipline that could result in the denial of your daughter's participation.

Communication Coach Expects from Parents

- 1) Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- 2) Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
- 3) Specific concern in regard to a coach's expectations

As your daughter becomes involved in Xavier Prep crew, she will experience some of the most rewarding moments as she sees the results of her efforts. It is important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way you or your daughter wishes. At these, times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coach

- 1) The treatment of your daughter mentally and physically
- 2) Ways to help your daughter improve.
- 3) Concerns about your daughter's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept that your daughter is not being boated as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for the crew as a whole. As you can see certain things can and should be discussed with coach. Other things, such as those listed in the following section, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches

- 1) Boating position
- 2) Team strategy
- 3) Training program
- 4) Other rowers

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. When these conferences are necessary, there are procedures that should be followed which will help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

The Procedure you should follow if you have a Concern to Discuss with a Coach

- 1) Email to set up an appointment with the coach directly.
- 2) If this is an emergency situation and you cannot reach the coach please e-mail the board President at row@xaviercrew.com
- 3) **Please do not attempt to confront Coach before or after a practice or competition.** These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promise resolution.

What a Parent can do if the Meeting with the Coach Did not Provide Satisfactory Resolution

- 1) **Call and set up an appointment with the President of the Board.**
- 2) **If you still are not satisfied a meeting with the Coach, the Club President or other Board Member and a member of Xavier administration should be set up.**