

## The Bobcat Top 10 Athletic Non-Negotiables

*In the spirit of community and sportsmanship; players, coaches, parents and spectators all agree to live by the following non-negotiables:*

1. No Parent and Coach shall engage in conversation about a contest on the day of the contest. Should issue be taken with playing time or in game decisions, communication should be initiated via e-mail to the coach within 24 hours. Communication protocol should be kept in mind. **1. Athlete - Coach 2. Parent - Athlete - Coach**
2. Let the Players play, Coaches coach, and Officials officiate. Spectators should be mindful of their comments and tone.
3. If you're committing to a school sponsored sport, you are expected to be at practice on a regular basis if you expect to get playing time. Practice and games are mandatory for all players. Missing practice or games will result in loss of playing time. Conversations need to take place about potential conflicts ahead of time between player/coach (excused absences, jobs).
4. Coaches should always have meetings with an athlete with someone else present.
5. Physical contact should never occur between a coach and an athlete along with athlete to athlete.
6. Coaches should have a communication method in place that can document all correspondence with athletes (other than group chats, etc.)
7. Review any and all traditions that exist each year to see if they are inclusive but also recognize age disparity on teams 7th to 12 grade athletes playing together (including any hazing related activities).
8. Post event dialogue from spectators and coaches should be positive and not just focusing on the particular outcome of the event. The athlete's social-emotional health should be the priority.
9. Keep all dialogue between teammates, opposing players, officials, and spectators respectful/appropriate at all times.
10. Opportunity to have a venue for players and coaches to correspond with one another prior to or after events take place (Provide feedback - both ways). Spectators should allow for time and space immediately following an event.