

Dear CCA Women's Soccer Parents,

I hope that after this evening the coaching staff has been able to express our enthusiasm for the upcoming season. This year at tryouts we had a record number of athletes and specifically a freshman class that comprised over half of those who tried out. The future of CCA Women's Soccer is looking very bright. We as a staff wanted to communicate some important expectations we have for players and parents; this might also help you understand the relationship we hope to create between the coach, player and parent.

1. If concerns or questions arise particular to playing time we would like to encourage the athlete to seek guidance using the following process:
 - a. Self-reflection: How is their attendance or performance at practice? Are they making the most of their opportunities by earning a position or working hard to increase their playing?
 - b. Conversation with the coach: Seek guidance on what you can do to improve, observations the coach has regarding technical and tactical improvements or attitude.
 - c. Parent to coach: please only seek out this conversation after the aforementioned steps were followed and time for improvement has occurred. **Please don't ever approach a coach after a game to discuss playing time, allow at least 24 hours.**

2. If there are any issues regarding the coach or an issue that is not specific to playing time please address in the following order, if appropriate:
 - a. Contact your daughter's coach (Tony or Sammi)
 - b. Contact the Head Coach (Sarah Aguilar)
 - c. Contact Brian Baum
 - d. Contact Bernard Steinberger
 - e. Contact Karl Mueller

3. Supporters Conduct at games:
 - a. Let me just state that in the 15 years I have been coaching that I have never seen a ref overturn a call because of a comment a fan made-not once.
 - b. Sport brings out the competitor in all of us, but please rest assured that the coach will protect the players and that as a parent you are urged to support the team verbally, not assault or heckle the ref.
 - c. Please don't let your conduct detract from the focus of the game by yelling at the ref, your daughter, or the coach.
 - d. Depending on the field set up, all fans should stay off the field or track until after the game and if no stands or natural barrier exists please stay at least 15 yards clear from the bench on any side.

Go Ravens!

The Women's Soccer Coaching Staff