

Enjoying Success with At-Risk Student Athletes

- I. Be the Champion in the Relationship
 - A. Know the Common Characteristics of At-Risk Athletes
 - B. Don't expect At-Risk athletes to behave like non at-risk athletes
 - C. Taking the high-road is a predetermined choice
- II. Know the Difference in Fair and Equal
 - A. Teach your team/staff that fair is not the same as equal
 - B. Be fair not equal
 - C. Examples of winning the fair vs equal battle
- III. Be Proactive instead of Reactive
 - A. Teaching lessons before they are needed
 - B. Preparing the team to contribute to the success
 - C. Educating and endearing others on your campus
- IV. Tips for Winning with the Highly At-Risk Student Athlete
 - A. Procrastinate all Permanent Decisions
 - B. Bend Don't Break
 - C. Build relationships with their circle of influence
 - D. Help them construct a vision