



MEAN GREEN 2017

WELCOME

To the parents/guardians of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gaston Athletes:

Think back to your childhood experiences involving the various sports and the many activities you participated in. Ask yourself, "Who influenced me the most to stay with sports?" You might reflect back on the days playing with your friends, maybe identifying with a specific coach. Research has shown that parent can influence a child's motivation, perceived competence and their enjoyment of sports. The feedback and behavior of a parent will affect how long an athlete stays involved in a sport and how that athlete perceives their abilities. I'm asking all MEAN GREEN parents to take a positive approach to your child's upcoming season. Provide a motivational climate prior to, during, and after all games. You will be amazed with the results.

Athletics is changing every day and at the Boys and Girls Club we will grow to meet those challenges. The coaches are passionate and committed to their sport, the athlete, and you.

The first change to the athletic program has been the introduction of a new evaluation process for all coaches. Coaches' evaluations will identify areas that we are successful in, and areas that we need improving on. Coaches will recognize the importance of ongoing assessments and continual adjustments to achieve maximum performance. The second change has been the revision of the Coaches' Handbook. The information compiled in the Coaches' Handbook will provide consistency among and between all coaches, interscholastic team, and student athletes. The goal at every level of athletics is to strive for excellence. Our coaches will provide that opportunity for the student athletes to develop their skills to the maximum potential.

We are eager to look ahead to the upcoming 2017 season and beyond. Your commitment to Boys and Girls Club MEAN GREEN Athletics is essential if we are to continue raising the bar. In today's economic climate we are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute and support athletics in our community, and at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gaston.

Please enjoy our children, our community, and our Boys and Girls Club!

Respectfully,

Chad Melvin & Ron Newton