



Sports



Cutting kids is a necessary thing to do in sports because teams cannot accept everyone for many reasons. One of those reasons is because coaches can only have a limited number of players. For example, in basketball there are only 5 players on the court, therefore you don't want to have more than 12 or so players on a team because there won't be enough time for them to play. Another reason

going to get that job. We all need to know how to deal with rejection. Cutting kids from sports teams is a way for them to handle rejection. After not making a team, kids can come back the next year and try again! Coaches notice that and they admire their hardwork and determination; even Michael Jordan was cut from the school basketball team and now look at where he is! He accomplished so much in his career. He is easily

Cutting kids is not just about their ability to play sports. It is also about their attitude and the effort they give. No coach wants an athlete to come out for a sport and have a bad and negative attitude.

"If kids that are playing sports have a bad attitude
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Payton's Point:

kids get cut is the fact that their skill level isn't quite there. Not everyone is great at everything, but you can always improve. Kids that get cut should take that time to work on their skills and improve for the future. Cutting kids is also a valuable life lesson.

"I think you do have to cut because it sort of prepares you for life later on," said Coach Sandoval, the girls golf coach.

You won't get everything you want in life. Think about a job interview: you are competing against people to get a job and not everyone is

one of the best basketball players of all time.

Cutting kids also helps them to persevere. After every game of mine, I always think about my performance and what I could have done better so that I am a better player in the next game. That is the same thing with cutting kids. They know what they can do to improve for the next tryouts.

"When the going gets tough in athletics, it gives us the chance to persevere. We have to learn what we do wrong to get better," said Coach Williams, the boys jv basketball coach.

aren't acting correctly then they should get cut," said Peyton Schwartz ('19).

Cutting kids is necessary because not everyone will get an award in life. Kids need to learn that lesson early on. You have to work hard to get what you want because not everything will be handed to you.

Story By: Payton Gagon

Athletes Should Stick to Sports

Sports are a very big thing here in the U.S. If you go out on Sunday, it is very likely that you will be able to find people wearing football jerseys to support their favorite team. People who enjoy sports want to go home, sit down, and just enjoy the entertainment, whether they go to the games to hang with friends, watch the players, or just for the food. People go to forget about what's going on in the world. Sports is about entertainment. That's it.

Recently there has been a lot of debate about whether athletes should be using their fame to advocate for personal, political, or social agendas, or if they should just do what they are paid to do - which is to play and win.

After Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the National Anthem on September 1, 2016, people thought it unpatriotic and disrespectful to the flag and the United States Military; they were outraged. He knelt because he was protesting social injustice, equality, and systematic oppression. Soon, many other football players from other teams started kneeling. These protests do not belong in sports. The field of play is not the

place for this.

With all these protests during games and National Anthems it takes away from the point of the game. When I pay good money for a sport, I think I'm safe to say that you don't go to watch people get pissed off from players kneeling and using their fame to specify their political agenda. You go to watch the dang game!

"Given that some of the athletes behavior isn't stellar outside of their sport, people should realize they aren't always role models, and it would be a good idea if they just stick to sports," said Dr. Robert Walters, BHS Biology teacher.

Athletes are very important to our generation because a lot of what many of us do involves sports. We have entire classes dedicated to teaching us about sports. Some teens even put their sole focus on sports so that they can get a scholarship or even go pro. So naturally they idolize or admire their favorite athlete.

Dr. Walters made a good point that not all athletes are the best "behaved" off the field. We admire athletes for their athleticism and skill. That image gets tainted when athletes bring politics

and personal issues into the mix and defeats the purpose of being a professional athlete. They get paid to play the game, not spread the news.

Athletes get paid millions of dollars to get on the field and win. Why get paid millions of dollars if all you are using that fame for is to tell people that the police are racist or that Trump is wrong for wanting a wall.

Like, hello? We know that. A lot of us watch the news, but athletes don't get paid to tell people what to think. Athletes are not paid for their political and social movements. They are paid to represent a team and play that sport.

I'm not saying that police brutality and racism are okay; these things are very much a problem in today's society. But athletes should not use their fame to advocate for their personal beliefs.

I have nothing against people standing up for good causes like Kaepernick, and I fully support their right to express their opinions, but there is a time and place for this, and it is not on the field.

Story By: Shawn Fleisch

Athletes Should Use Their Influence

Many people criticize athletes who use their fame to promote personal, social, or political agendas. That criticism is unfair. The fame that athletes gain through their professions should be used to promote agendas for several reasons, most important of which is that professional athletes are on a platform where they can get people to listen. They are citizens with opinions, and they have the right to share them. They are able to use their influence to make the changes that need to be made. Just because they spend their days throwing and catching balls, that does not define them; they are more than their professions.

Opinions are opinions no matter whose they are. If athletes have the ability to share them in

a greater manner, then they should.

The fact is, people everywhere look up to their favorite athletic stars, whether that be NBA players or college gymnasts. To many, they are heros. With the grand audience they are able to reach out to, athletes have a broad spectrum of people waiting to listen to what they have to say. There are so many people who have things to share but simply cannot get others to listen. People listen to their idols, the people they look up to the most, the people they respect. As long as someone gets the public to listen to the important issues that the "less important" people can't, then why does it matter what they do for a living? They have something to say and a platform to share it on. Why is that so wrong?

Athletes are people too with real opinions to share. They are citizens just like you and I. They are often persecuted for joining in on political and social issues, but their lasting impact can be worth it. Everyone should be allotted their right to speak on topics that they are passionate about, and who can blame someone for using their fame to do so? Why everything has to come back to the fact that they are using their fame to an advantage, I don't know. People's motives are not always clouded; they are fighting for something they really believe in! It is really no different than any other form of celebrity using their voice.

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