

## **Coquitlam Middle School Athletics Guiding Principles**

### **Principle #1**

All Middle School athletes who commit to an athletic team will have the opportunity to participate. Exemptions can be made based on factors other than ability such as: attendance, commitment, academics, attitude and behaviour

### **Principle #2**

Individual sporting bodies will organize individual sports. Middle School athletics will have a graduated competitive format:

#### Grade 6

Intramurals and in house with no formal league; schools may schedule exhibitions and tournaments. Whenever possible, all teams and all players participate in a district tournament.

#### Grade 7

Scheduled, formal league games and a district tournament in which all teams attend and all players participate whenever possible.

#### Grade 8

Scheduled, formal league games and a district tournament in which all teams attend and all players participate whenever possible. Some rule and scheduling modifications may be made to make grade 8 a transition year to better prepare athletes for Secondary School.

### **Principle #3**

Middle school athletes must make playing with their middle school teams a priority over participation at any other school level. Should a middle school athlete want to play at the secondary level, they must contact the district regarding the district's procedure for playing-up.

### **Principle #4**

Middle School athletes must play with their own grade or age. Athletes may only "play up" within their own school if the team requires more athletes or if there is no program available at their grade level.

### **Principle #5**

Middle School athletes will only compete in district tournaments. Out of district exhibition games and exhibition tournaments are permitted. Only existing football teams may participate in out of district leagues until such time as those programs are no longer offered.