

GREATER PORTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Athletic Levels Expectations

GPCS may have up to 4 basic levels of competition in its athletic program. Below are the objectives and playing time expectations for each level.

Elementary

The objectives of the elementary program are to provide an opportunity for participation in athletics and learn the rules and basic skills of the game. Coaches will begin the process of teaching basic skills and instilling in the students a love for and understanding of competition. Elementary athletics will allow the student the opportunity to learn about sportsmanship and Christian character. Each student will be allowed to play in at least half of every game contingent on his or her attitude and participation in practice. This will give students the opportunity to experience competition and try to use the skills they have been learning in practices. *Coaches will talk with players to explain reasons for non-participation in a game.*

Junior High

The objectives of the junior high program are improvement through participation and the development of basic skills to prepare athletes for the possibility of participating in high school athletics. Coaches will also continue to teach basic rules and principles of the game. Junior high athletics will allow each student the opportunity to participate and grow in sportsmanship and Christian character. Each athlete will be allowed to participate in every game contingent on his or her attitude and participation in practice. *Coaches will talk with players to explain reasons for non-participation in a game. (Exception: each athlete will not be assured participation in tournament play.)* This, however, does not imply equal playing time for all. Playing time will vary according to levels of readiness for competition, and playing at all remains contingent on attitude and participation in practice.

Junior Varsity (JV)

The objectives of junior varsity athletics are to reinforce basic skills, to start to develop advanced athletic skills and Christian character at an increased competitive level so that the athlete might be better prepared for the possibility of participating in varsity level athletics. Junior varsity athletics is more competitive and requires greater skill than junior high athletics. At this level, each athlete will play and have the opportunity to experience a more intense, organized level of play. Each athlete will be allowed playing time but not necessarily in every game. The amount will be determined by the players' skill, age, and attitude as viewed by the coach.

Varsity

The objective of the varsity level is to exhibit sportsmanship and excellence. Varsity athletics is highly competitive and advanced. At this level the athlete will be scrutinized more thoroughly in his character, ability, attitudes and skills. The most qualified athletes will be allowed on the varsity team. Playing time will be at the discretion of the coach.