**Visitation Athletics**

There are four levels of competition. The four levels consist of D1/Varsity, D1A/JV, D2/B, and D3/C. While there are some potential exceptions, the levels break down as follows:

**3rd and 4th Grade - D3/C** is 100% developmental. All children are expected to get as equal playing time as possible. Winning should never be the main focus! The development of skills and enjoyment of the game is the focus at this level.

**5th and 6th Grade - D2/B** is 100% developmental. All children are expected to get as equal playing time as possible through the course of the season. Winning should never be the main focus but competition is starting to now become more intense! The development of skills and enjoyment of the game is the focus at this level. Consideration for a student-athletes lack of consistent attendance at practice could be a limiting, but not a complete exclusionary factor, to the child’s playing time.

**8th Grade and Below - D1A/JV** is to assure that our D1/Varsity team will be as competitive as possible. This level can be used as extra reps for current varsity players or for a student athlete that is trying to improve their skill level to make the varsity team the following school year. While this level is not as competitive as the D1/Varsity level there is no guaranteed playing time. Furthermore this level may be used to supplement a lack of games otherwise provided. Consideration for a student-athletes lack of consistent attendance at practice will be a limiting and potentially exclusionary factor, to the child’s playing time.

**8th Grade and Below D1/Varsity** is the most competitive. There is no guaranteed playing time. Playing time will be adjusted to compete with other teams as opposed to assuring all athletes get playing time. Although no playing time is guaranteed, there will be participation in multiple leagues and/or tournaments involved, so as to try and assure as much playing time as possible be available for all. More games, more minutes, more opportunity for playing time! Consideration for a student-athletes lack of consistent attendance at practice will be a limiting and potentially exclusionary factor, to the child’s playing time.

*\*\*\* Please note that it will be at the Athletic Director’s discretion to decide if a student athlete plays above his or her designated level. For example, a 6th grader plays on the D1/Varsity team. No athlete will ever be allowed to play below his or her designated level. For example, a 7th grader playing on the D2/B team.\*\*\**