

# **Madison Junior School Athletic Organization**

## Policy on Playing Time

Madison Junior School-Athletic Organization has as its goals offering each team's athletes an opportunity to develop or improve their skills, exhibit their talents and learn to work together as a team. MJSAO also attempts to field teams that will be able to compete against other middle school teams and prepare for high school competition.

In order to accomplish these goals, team members must be given an opportunity to practice and play in competitive situations. Coaches and teams should strive to win, but not at all costs.

Therefore, every athlete that is selected by the coach to be rostered on a team will have an opportunity to play.

Playing time will not be equal and may not be balanced.

Playing time will be determined by the coach based on:

- athletic ability/talent
- attendance at practices
- cooperation, attitude and character
- game situations

The grade level of the athlete will NOT determine playing time. There will be no record keeping of how many minutes, innings, quarters, etc.. each athlete plays.

Any issues regarding playing time or a lack thereof should be discussed between the coach and the player. If a parent is not satisfied with the coaches decisions, please wait 24hours before contacting the coach directly. As a last point of resolution, the coaching director should be contacted.

Coaches are asked to attempt to get each player on their roster an adequate amount of playing time during the season to achieve the organization's goals.