

# Middle School Athletics

The Prince Edward County Middle School operates its sports program as a member of the Southside Middle School Athletic Conference. Other schools in this conference are: Amelia, Bluestone, Central, Halifax, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Parkview, Powhatan, Russell, and Wyatt Middle Schools.

The Principals of each school are the governing body and decide on rules and regulations concerning the conference. Athletic Directors carry out the policies, especially where eligibility and scheduling are concerned. Principals and Athletic Directors meet throughout the school year to discuss the needs and concerns of the conference and to amend any changes necessary to ensure the safety and fairness of our athletic programs.

Prince Edward participates in the following activities in the conference:

Fall: Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Cheerleading, ACE (Academic)

Winter: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading

Spring: Baseball, Softball, Track

Eligibility for activities is determined by the conference and has the following stipulations: An athlete must be enrolled in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and in good standing with the school. An athlete may not turn fifteen before August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year participating and have a valid physical from a physician on file. An athlete must pass 6 of 7, 5 of 6, 4 of 5, or 3 of 4 of classes taken in the semester prior to the sport participating in.

Final authority and ultimate responsibility in all matters pertaining to interschool activities of each school, both athletic and non-athletic, shall be vested in the principal.

We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences that assist students in personal growth. We are concerned with the educational development of students through athletics and feel that a properly controlled, well-organized sports program meets the students' needs for physical, mental, and social growth. It is Prince Edward County Middle School Athletic Department's goal to assist in developing these skills in hopes that it will further each student's educational experience.

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