

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in grade 6/7 basketball. If you would like your child to participate, please review the student athlete expectations with your child and the attached SD70 Pacific Rim Elementary Sports Council's philosophy and guidelines for parents. Please have your child return the signed forms to Mme Hodgson.

The following are expectations for student athletes on the team:

1. **Practices** are scheduled for **Mondays after school (2:45-3:45) and Fridays at lunch (12:00-12:30)** in the fieldhouse, with intermittent lunch hour or recess meetings as needed. Students must attend all practices to maintain their position on the team. Students must wait at the rear gym doors, by the dumpsters, to be let into the gym for after school practice. Planned absences must be reported to Ms. Gray or Mme Hodgson prior to practice.
2. **Two unexcused absences** from practices and games will result in the student athlete losing their position on the team. Student athletes must attend practices and games to the best of their ability. Parents/Guardians or the student athletes must contact **Mme Hodgson** or **Mrs. Dyer** prior to the practice to inform them of their absence. A phone message left with the school secretary or an email to the coaches is preferred if the student or parent/guardians can't directly speak to the coaches.
3. **Games** will be held on **Wednesday's afterschool** at various schools in the valley. A schedule with game times will be sent home once it is finalized.
4. **Gym clothing** must be worn to participate in games and after school practices. Appropriate gym clothing includes a t-shirt, shorts, sweats or leggings with gym shoes or runners. Student players who are not in appropriate gym strip will not be allowed to practice or play in games, which will be counted as an unexcused absence. Players with long hair must have it pulled off their faces with hair ties or headbands and players can not wear hats or jewelry that may injure themselves or others.
5. **Rides** to and from games and practices are the responsibility of the student athlete and must be arranged prior to the game or practice.
6. **Poor sportsmanship and disrespectful behavior** towards their peers, coaches or teachers will not be tolerated. The student may be benched for an indeterminate number of games or be asked to leave the team for incidents of poor sportsmanship or disrespectful behaviour.
7. **Student athletes must be in good academic and disciplinary standing to participate on the team.** Failure to meet the standards set by their classroom teacher will result in the student player being benched for an indeterminate number of games or asked to leave the team.

Please sign and return the following form to the school and direct any questions to Mme Hodgson rhodgson@sd70.bc.ca, Mrs. Dyer jdyer@sd70.bc.ca or at the school at 250-724-0623

Thank you and we are looking forward to a great season!