

SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Introduction to Community Sport and Recreation Groups - Coquitlam Little League (Presentation by Sandon Fraser, President)**
7:05 – 7:30 p.m. (25 minutes)
- 3. 2024 Volunteer Recognition Event Update (Introductory Comments by the Committee Clerk)**
7:30 – 7:35 (5 minutes)
- 4. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
7:35 – 8:10 p.m. (35 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday, November 13, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

1



SPORTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1, Town Centre Park Community Centre, 1207 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Matt Djonlic, Chair
Councillor Dennis Marsden, Vice Chair
Yue-Ching Cheng, Citizen Representative
Dan Cooper, Citizen Representative
Erin Davidson, Citizen Representative
Stephen Lisik, Citizen Representative
Cameron McBryer, Citizen Representative
Isabel Silvestre, Citizen Representative
Cydney Smythies, Citizen Representative
Carl Trepanier, Citizen Representative
Andrea Mattinson, Coquitlam Sports Centre Users Association
Dan Trinh, Coquitlam Tennis Club
David Jones, Coquitlam Field Sports Association

GUESTS: Alex Barnetson, President, Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club
Sara Maglio, Executive Director, Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club

REGRETS: Stephen Lisik, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ted Urich, Manager Parks and Facility Planning
Brian Forrester, Sport Services Manager
Ian Tom, Parks Capital Projects Manager
Erin Gorby, Urban Forest and Parks Services Manager
Julia Power, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024

The Committee amended April 10, 2024 meeting of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee to include “Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse recently named Ryan Boivan the new President and continues to desire to rename PSLC Arena 1 after Les Wingrove” for Item 5, Point 2.

The Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 were approved as amended.

Carl Trepanier arrived to the meeting at this time —7:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Introduction to Community Sport and Recreation Groups – Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club

Alex Barnetson, President, and Sara Maglio, Executive Director, Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club provided a presentation entitled “Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club” that covered the following topics:

- Introduction and background of Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club (hereon “CMFSC”)

Dan Trinh arrived to the meeting at this time—7:04 p.m.

Yue-Ching Cheng arrived to the meeting at this time—7:05 p.m.

Topics continued were:

- The club’s membership statistics, mission and values, strategic plan, community engagement initiatives, volunteerism and future plans
- Concerns regarding the issues facing youth sport programs including rising costs, transportation barriers and field space
- The desire for increased funding support from government

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to learn how CMFSC ranks as an employer in comparison to other local businesses
- The desire to understand the shortage of field space and requirements for meeting quality standards of the CMFSC and a understanding the City’s field usage and equitable allocation policies
- The desire for sports organizations to adopt policies that encourage member retention
- The desire to explore the usage of other facilities (i.e. indoor gymnasiums) and building an indoor turf facility

3. Town Centre Park North Field (6) Carpet Replacement Update

The Parks Capital Projects Manager provided introductory comments that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the carpet replacement project including, background, actions taken, projected timeline and plans for future replacements

- The carpet replacement will begin July 15, 2024 with the field remaining closed throughout construction and re-opening September 2024

Discussed ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to know if the old carpet can be recycled and if portions can be donated and re-used
- The desire to understand what the carpet will look like, the length and function.
- The desire to know the total cost of the project and plans for future carpet replacements
- The desire for local sports groups to provide feedback on how temporary fields should be allocated and painted according to the sport

4. Urban Forest Management Strategy Update

The Urban Forestry and Parks Services Manager provided a presentation entitled “Urban Forest Management Strategy” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the strategy including; definitions, benefits, objectives, data and statistics, timeline, public engagement feedback, initiatives and future plans

Discussed ensued relative to the following:

- The desire to understand how equitable tree planting can positively effect vulnerable populations
- Desires including, more trees planted at active spaces and within the city-centre, to develop a map of Coquitlam which shows canopy cover city-wide, to understand of future plans for speciation by neighbourhood
- Concerns including, the loss of trees to development, wildfire risks, lack of public awareness and education regarding caring for trees, allergens derived from male trees and loss of nutrients for animal populations

5. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share information and emerging issues from the community.

The following topics and concerns were shared:

- Coquitlam tennis club has seen an increase in membership this year
- The 55+ BC Games happening September 10 to14, 2024 in Salmon Arm
- Question regarding follow-up related to a past double booking at Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex
- The PoCoMo Pickleball Club has had to restrict registration due to increased interest and has partnered with the city to offer a paddle rack system

- Concerns regarding the cost of the Burke Mountain Recreation Centre and the project signage currently posted at the construction site
- Concerns regarding the decision to not name Arena 1 at PSLC after Les Wingrove and lack of consultation with the Wingrove family
- The desire to see school district parking lots open for afterhours sports
- The desire to utilize the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame to recognize and honor local sports heroes

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, September 11, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Matt Djonlic, Chair

Julia Power, Committee Clerk



Coquitlam Little League

Developing youth in the Tri Cities since 1955



Past

Founded in 1955

1 World Series

**29 Provincial
Championships**

**100's of College/
University Players**

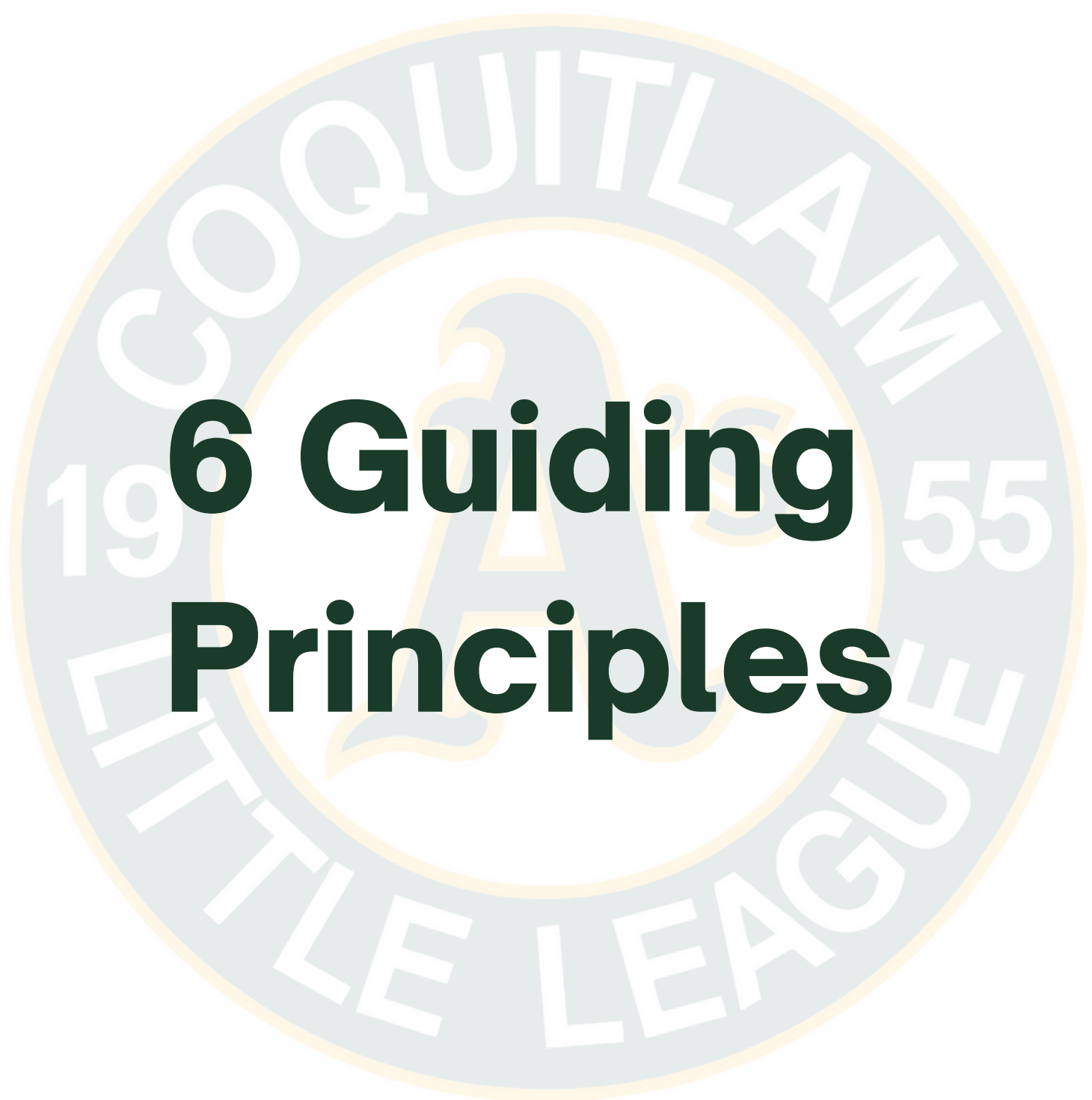
**17 Canadian
Championships**

**7 Players Drafted to
MLB**



Present

- 800+ players - 10% increase each year
- 25 Volunteer Board Members
- 1 Contracted League Administrator
- 1 Contracted Technical Director
- Community baseball for 4-18 year olds
- Competitive opportunities for 8-16 year olds
- Recognized as a leader in Little League across Canada

The logo for Coquitlam Little League is a circular emblem. It features a central figure of a baseball player in a batting stance, wearing a cap and holding a bat. The text "COQUITLAM" is arched across the top, "1955" is on either side of the player, and "LITTLE LEAGUE" is arched across the bottom. The entire logo is rendered in a light, semi-transparent style.

6 Guiding Principles

Support a fun, encouraging community for all families

Maximize opportunity for players to have in game experiences

Offer players an opportunity for success at their respective skill level.

Maximize opportunities for players to develop their baseball knowledge and skills to help them reach their full potential.

Offer a postseason program that competes at a National level.

Increase lifelong participation by encouraging responsibility and offering opportunities to volunteer,

**Support a fun,
encouraging
community for
all families.**



- Maximizing field usage at Mackin Park
- Recognizing players & teams on the website, social media, and newsletters as well as promoting opportunities for families to cheer on CLL)
- Pin trading
- Sponsorship/Community Partners
- Hosting events that bring players and families together (Picture Day, Founder's Day, tournaments, batathon, pub night)
- Connecting with players, coaches, families and fans on and off the field
- Promote a regular season that emphasizes fair play and opportunities for all players to contribute

Offer players an opportunity to have success at their respective skill level.

- Development oversight by a hired professional
- Provide opportunities for skill development in the offseason
- Trained onfield coaching support for 4-7 year olds
- Host transparent evaluations before the regular season
- Tier regular season programs (Minor, Major and Junior)
- Offer a transparent onfield evaluation



Maximize opportunities for players to have in-game experiences



- Tier regular season programs (Minor, Major and Junior)
- Create regular season expectations and rules that encourage fair play in a controlled environment (run max)
- Create a balanced schedule of games and practices
- Offer at least one tournament experience for each team
- Create rosters that balance team needs with playing time

Maximize opportunities for players to develop their baseball knowledge and skills to help them reach their full potential.

- Player and Coach development coordinate by a hired professional
- Share resources with coaches, players and families
- Offer free opportunities for coaches to receive training
- Tier programs to allow for kids to feel challenged while still having success
- Offseason opportunities for development and skill building



Offer a postseason program that competes at a National level.

- Coach's applications for postseason
- Supporting successful post-season teams with in-kind and financial support
- Offseason training, tiered regular season and other programs that encourage development in a challenging environment





Increase lifelong **participation** by encouraging responsibility and offering opportunities to volunteer

- Mid Season Classic
- Umpires
- Inviting players to return as coaches
- Honorariums for coaches w/o a child on the team
- Bursary program
- Ferry reimbursement policy
- Tournament and coach's hotel policy

Future

01

Improving experience

- Facility, uniform and equipment upgrades
- Online/video scorekeeping and streaming
- Securing more field space
- Looking at current on and off field demands in an environment that sees fewer volunteers each year

02

Improving players

- Improved training and resources for coaches, parents and players
- More game opporunities

03

Increasing community

- Alumni opportunities
- Community outreach and invitations
- Pin Partner Program



Coquitlam Little League

Developing youth in the Tri Cities since 1955



Past

Founded in 1955

**29 Provincial
Championships**

**17 Canadian
Championships**

1 World Series

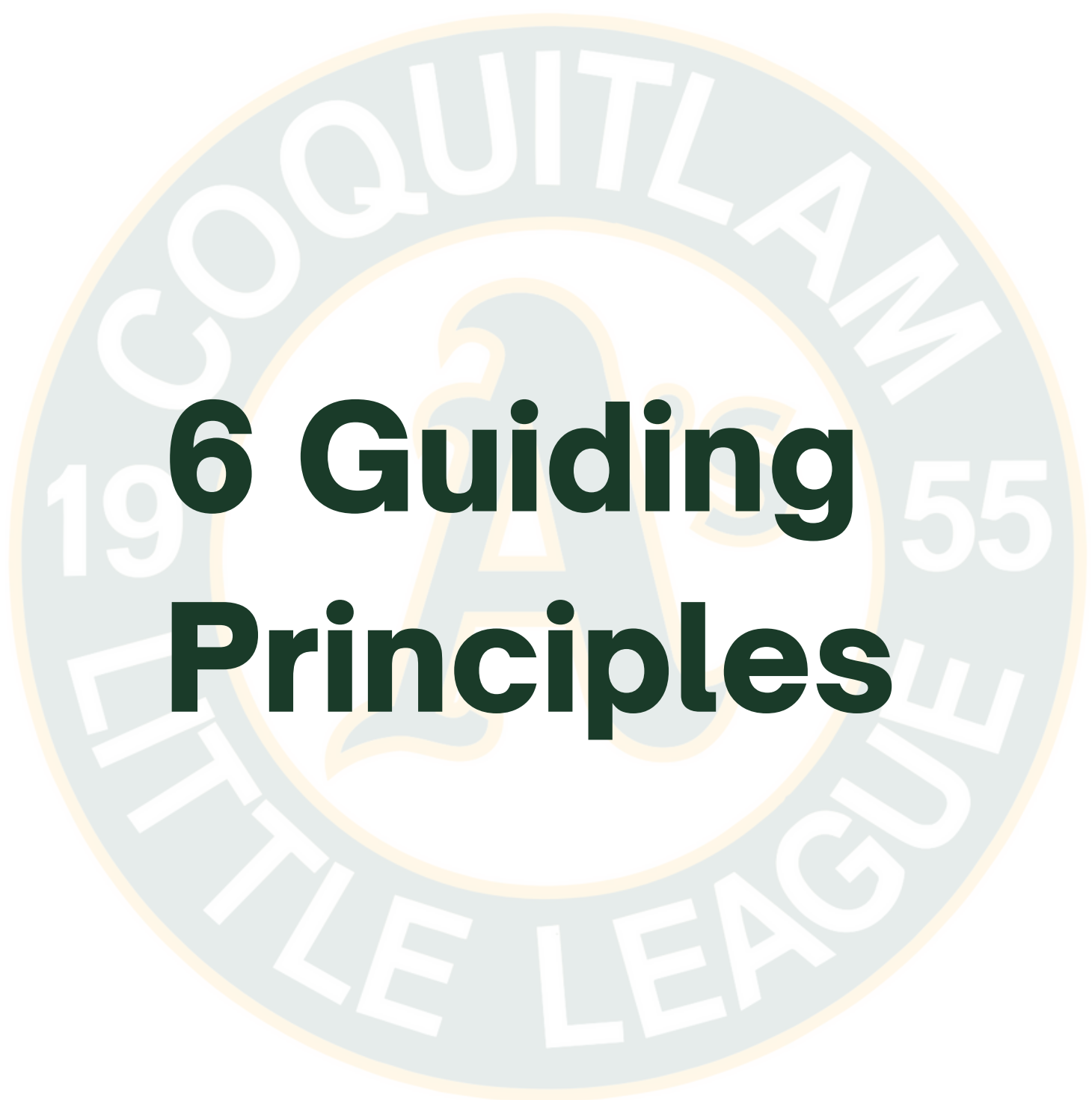
**100's of College/
University Players**

**7 Players Drafted to
MLB**



Present

- 800+ players - 10% increase each year
- 25 Volunteer Board Members
- 1 Contracted League Administrator
- 1 Contracted Technical Director
- Community baseball for 4-18 year olds
- Competitive opportunities for 8-16 year olds
- Recognized as a leader in Little League across Canada

The logo for Coquitlam Little League is a circular emblem. It features a central figure of a baseball player in a batting stance, wearing a cap and holding a bat. The text "COQUITLAM" is arched across the top, "1955" is on the left and right sides, and "LITTLE LEAGUE" is arched across the bottom. The entire logo is rendered in a light, semi-transparent style.

6 Guiding Principles

Support a fun, encouraging community for all families

Maximize opportunity for players to have in game experiences

Offer players an opportunity for success at their respective skill level.

Maximize opportunities for players to develop their baseball knowledge and skills to help them reach their full potential.

Offer a postseason program that competes at a National level.

Increase lifelong participation by encouraging responsibility and offering opportunities to volunteer,

**Support a fun,
encouraging
community for
all families.**



- Maximizing field usage at Mackin Park
- Recognizing players & teams on the website, social media, and newsletters as well as promoting opportunities for families to cheer on CLL)
- Pin trading
- Sponsorship/Community Partners
- Hosting events that bring players and families together (Picture Day, Founder's Day, tournaments, batathon, pub night)
- Connecting with players, coaches, families and fans on and off the field
- Promote a regular season that emphasizes fair play and opportunities for all players to contribute

Offer players an opportunity to have success at their respective skill level.

- Development oversight by a hired professional
- Provide opportunities for skill development in the offseason
- Trained onfield coaching support for 4-7 year olds
- Host transparent evaluations before the regular season
- Tier regular season programs (Minor, Major and Junior)
- Offer a transparent onfield evaluation



Maximize opportunities for players to have in-game experiences



- Tier regular season programs (Minor, Major and Junior)
- Create regular season expectations and rules that encourage fair play in a controlled environment (run max)
- Create a balanced schedule of games and practices
- Offer at least one tournament experience for each team
- Create rosters that balance team needs with playing time

Maximize opportunities for players to develop their baseball knowledge and skills to help them reach their full potential.

- Player and Coach development coordinate by a hired professional
- Share resources with coaches, players and families
- Offer free opportunities for coaches to receive training
- Tier programs to allow for kids to feel challenged while still having success
- Offseason opportunities for development and skill building



Offer a postseason program that competes at a National level.

- Coach's applications for postseason
- Supporting successful post-season teams with in-kind and financial support
- Offseason training, tiered regular season and other programs that encourage development in a challenging environment





Increase lifelong **participation** by encouraging responsibility and offering opportunities to volunteer

- Mid Season Classic
- Umpires
- Inviting players to return as coaches
- Honorariums for coaches w/o a child on the team
- Bursary program
- Ferry reimbursement policy
- Tournament and coach's hotel policy

Future

01

Improving experience

- Facility, uniform and equipment upgrades
- Online/video scorekeeping and streaming
- Securing more field space
- Looking at current on and off field demands in an environment that sees fewer volunteers each year

02

Improving players

- Improved training and resources for coaches, parents and players
- More game opporunities

03

Increasing community

- Alumni opportunities
- Community outreach and invitations
- Pin Partner Program