

PARENT PARTICIPATION PARTNERSHIP

Welcome to Hackettstown Recreation. We would like to share with you who we are, what our mission is, and what your role is in helping us fulfill it.

Structure:

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Hackettstown appoint members to a seven person Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission is the governing body of The Hackettstown Recreation Department. The Recreation Director is employed by the Recreation Commission and the Town of Hackettstown.

Mission:

Quoting from its Mission Statement, the Recreation Commission... “ endeavors to provide a diverse array of recreational opportunities to the residents of the Town of Hackettstown” and “embraces the concept of healthy, participatory activities with a focus on the physical, social, emotional and interpersonal needs of all involved parties.”with emphasis on “the core values of sportsmanship, community and service.”

Affordable Opportunities:

The fee charged at signups is a registration fee. It does not cover any of the costs of the actual sport/activity. In fact, in some sports/activities well over \$100.00 is spent per child with no out-of-pocket costs to you. This arrangement is unique to Hackettstown and is possible because of your support.

Parents as partners:

The Commission relies on the Parent as the foundation of its programs and as a partner in the pursuit of our Mission. *Every* parent is needed to help us fill one or more of the following **roles**:

- Head Coach—is the “point person” for all team functions
- Assistant Coach—fulfills roles at the request of, and in concert with, the Head Coach. In the absence of a Head Coach, two or more parents share the Head Coaching responsibilities.
- Practice Coaches—provide practice opportunities, in coordination with the Head Coach when the Head Coach or Assistant Coach is not available.
- Communication Coordinator—is responsible, in coordination with the Head Coach, for communicating all practice and game times, locations etc. to all of the parents of

the team.

- Medical Kit/Ice coordinator—is responsible for ensuring that the medical supply kit and an ice supply is provided at all games and practices
- Every parent is responsible for the following:
 - Support the program by assisting the team in some way
 - Support and root for all team members
 - Model good sportsmanship at all times during practices and games
 - Don't offer your child incentives for good performance---steer him or her to the enjoyment of participating and his/her responsibility to the team
 - Encourage your child to speak directly with the coach if s/he is experiencing difficulty of any kind
 - Display appropriate behaviors at games. Don't berate players, officials or coaches. Your child's self esteem is at stake. Be supportive.
 - Keep sport in its proper perspective: Sport is to be fun for you and your child. Highly skilled children and their parents must be especially careful to maintain a balance.
 - Your relationship with your child remains long after his/her sports days are over. Maintain a calm demeanor.
 - Let other family members and friends who might attend your child's events know what constitutes appropriate and supportive behavior

Parent Participation Partnership:

I, _____ (parent/guardian of):

Names:

Grade:

Birthdate:

,have read and understand the Parent Participation Partnership and
volunteer to fulfill the role of (choose from list 1-5 above)

Role _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

(Credits: NASPE 2009)