



# **TOWN OF HUDSON – DIVISION OF RECREATION**

## **2019-2020 UNIFIED BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

**Program is open to Hudson Residents and non-residents, who attend Hudson Public Schools. The success of our programs is due in large part to the commitment of our staff and volunteers. If interested in coaching or volunteering in any way, please contact Hudson Recreation.**

Hudson Unified Basketball is a collaborative team sport, composed of athletes (students with developmental challenges) and partners. The program is designed to offer all children a skill-based, competitive team sport plus an interactive social learning experience. It is open to children/young adults.

The season will begin with practices on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and with games/scrimmages beginning on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The season will run through February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS** Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. (ONLINE or in person at Hudson Recreation Office):

Visit our website at [www.hudsonrecreation.org](http://www.hudsonrecreation.org) to register by logging in to your account. If you, your child or another family has not previously participated in Hudson recreation programs, then a new account will need to be created in order to complete registration. Call Hudson Recreation for assistance or with any questions regarding online registration at 978-568-9642.

### **Fees:**

Players - \$50.00  
Partners - \$20.00

Limited financial assistance may be available. To request financial assistance, please email Dan Hannon at [dhannon@townofhudson.org](mailto:dhannon@townofhudson.org) or call 978-568-9642.

**Players – MUST be currently in 1st grade or older.** Players will have the opportunity to attend 1 or 2 practices per week, as well as games on Saturday afternoons.

**Practices** – Tuesday nights 5:00pm-6:30pm and Thursday nights 6:00pm-7:30pm at Quinn, starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Players must attend at least one practice during the week to be eligible to participate in that week's game.

**Games** – Saturday afternoons at Quinn, starting December 7th. Exact times TBA by December 2<sup>nd</sup> (historically games have taken place between 3:00pm-5:00pm). For the month of December, games will consist of scrimmages between Unified Players. There will be no games on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Starting in January, Hudson Recreation will work with its staff and volunteers to coordinate games between Unified Players and teams from our Instructional League. In the event teams from the Instructional League are not available, Unified Players will continue to scrimmage among themselves.

**Partners - MUST be currently in 3rd grade or older. Adults welcome and encouraged to participate.**

On a good Unified Sports Team, everyone makes a commitment, knows the rules, does their best, and is a good teammate and team player. Partners have a special job, that being to encourage our athletes with special challenges and facilitate their learning process. Partners are matched with athletes of similar age and no experience is necessary in the sport. Partners should be motivated to improve their own fitness, able to socialize in a team environment, and interested in giving back to the Hudson community. Good partners understand how to blend their skills with other teammates, resulting in improved performance by athletes with challenged ability.

**Commitment** - Unified Practices will be scheduled for Tuesday nights from 5:00pm-6:30pm and Thursday Nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Quinn, starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Games will take place on Saturday afternoons at Quinn, starting December 7<sup>th</sup> with games times between 2:00pm-5:00pm. There will be no games on December 28<sup>th</sup>. We highly encourage Partners to be available for all practices and games, as that will have the highest impact on the program. We realize, however, schedules are tight, so Partners may commit to just 1 or 2 practice nights per week or just Saturday games. Partners will be contacted by December 2<sup>nd</sup> with a more detailed schedule.

**Note: Program dates, times, and locations are all subject to change at the discretion of Hudson Recreation. Practices, Games and Clinics that are cancelled due to snow are unlikely to be made up.**