

## **TOWN OF HUDSON - PARK COMMISSION**

Division of Recreation Town Hall 78 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749

## UNIFIED BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Unified Basketball is an inclusive sports program that pairs ATHLETES (individuals with intellectual disabilities) with PARTNERS (individuals without intellectual disabilities). The program is designed to offer all children a skill-based, competitive team sport plus an interactive social learning experience. The program is open to children and young adults.

Registration for the 2018-2019 season is now open. See below for information on how to register.

The 2018-2019 season will begin with a practice on Tuesday, November 27th and continue until February school vacation. This season's will consist of Tuesday and Wednesday night practices and Saturday afternoon games/scrimmages.

Tuesday night practices will take place from 6:00pm-7:30pm and Wednesdays night practices will take place from 5:15pm-6:45pm. Participants, while encouraged to attend both weeknight practices, are only required to attend one weeknight practice.

Games/scrimmages will take place on Saturday afternoons with exact times to be determined. (historically games have started between 3pm and 5pm). A finalized game schedule will be available no later than November 28th.

All games and practices will take place at the Quinn Middle School (201 Manning Street).

Cost for players is \$45.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$20 for additional child(ren)

**HOW TO REGISTER?** Registration is available at <u>www.hudsonrecreation.org</u>. You may also register by calling 978-568-9642 or in person at the Hudson Recreation Office, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Town Hall (78 Main Street). The office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm

More about PARTNERS...

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 are volunteers with 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, when possible). 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. **NO experience in the sport is necessary!** 

We understand everyone has busy schedules, especially during the school year, but to become a Partner you only need to commit to a minimum of one night or one day per week; Tuesday nights, Wednesday nights, or Saturday afternoons. For those able to volunteer more, you can choose any combination of Tuesday nights, Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoon.

All Partners MUST be currently in 5th grade or older.

NEW THIS YEAR! There is no fee involved with becoming a Partner.

If you are interested in becoming a Partner for the upcoming season, you may register at <u>www.hudsonrecreation.org.</u> If you have questions about becoming a Partner or about the Unified Basketball program, in particular, please contact Dan Hannon at <u>dhannon@townofhudson.org</u>