



PARKS & RECREATION

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To: Town of Hope Mills Citizens

From: Maxey Dove, Athletic Manager

Ref: 2020-2021 Basketball Season

The Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Department has made the decision to "pause" basketball registration at this time. Traditionally we take basketball registration October 1-December 1. As it currently sits, the NC Department of Health and Human Services guidelines limit indoor gatherings to 25 people with no indication of when that will increase. The school gyms that we count on to run our program will not begin play until January, at which point we have traditionally practiced for a month and are starting games. We have been, and continue to, monitor the NCHSAA updates for school programs and are working through logistical options. Unfortunately, we use 5 gyms to run our basketball season and logistically cannot run our program without the availability of the school gyms at this time. While we continue to explore options for a belated season, we do not want to begin registration yet for a program that may not be possible to run without relaxed covid guidelines and facility availability. If we see these obstacles are eliminated, we will have a late registration period with a late/condensed season.

All are encouraged to continue to monitor the official Town of Hope Mills website, www.townofhopemills.com, and the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation official Facebook page for updated information and announcements. We appreciate citizens understanding as we navigate through these uncertain times.

CC: Lamarco Morrison, Parks and Recreation Director