

HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION

FALL SPORTS



FOOTBALL



Ages

Description

7-8.....	Flag:	(This is a non-physical approach to the game of football. Instead of tackling an opponent, players pull the flag attached to another player with the ball's belt to cause a stoppage play. Flag introduces skills of the game in a fun, non-contact environment in which young athletes play and learn all positions).
9-10.....	PeeWee:	(Players will be informed about football while emphasizing development in teamwork, participation, and sportsmanship. Youth will learn skills and lessons that help them succeed both on and off the field. This program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in continuous tackle action moves while developing skills necessary to become successful players).
11-12.....	Midget:	(This team sport focuses on how players take discipline, physical strength, a commitment to improve, and plenty of hard work for rewarding experiences of football. The midget league is designed to provide competitive playing format for all players).

LEAGUE AGE – This is the age attained by a player prior to December 1, 2022. (Example: If a child is 6 and turns 7 on or before December 1st, the child will be considered league age to play).

DRAFTS – Coaches only are to attend drafts held the 1st and 2nd weeks in August for ages 9-12.

PARENTS – Parents will be contacted by coaches at least two weeks after the drafts for practice times and scheduling dates.

SEASON STARTS – Games will start on the second Saturday of September.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND PROOF OF ADDRESS – If your child has played previously, please ensure we have the correct birth date in our data base. If not, both documents are required before registration.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION – **Register for ONE sport only, to refrain from conflicts with other sport activities.** The **cut-off** to register is **11:59 pm** on **July 31, 2022**. Please see Attachment for our on-line registration requirements. If you miss the registration deadline, add your child to the waiting list online. You may receive a call to register your child, **only if slots** are available on a team and approved by the Parks and Recreation Athletics Department.

ATTIRE – Hope Mills Parks and Recreation will provide helmets, shoulder pads, chin straps, 7-piece pad set, and practice pants. Parents are responsible for purchasing cleats, mouth pieces, and game uniforms.

GAME CANCELLATIONS – Cancellations for practices and games will be determined by the Parks and Recreation Athletics Staff on the day of inclement weather.

VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED