

South Hadley Recreation Fall Sport Parent Handout 2009

Cheerleading:

Registrations/tryouts have been held for all of our fall cheerleading teams. There are currently openings for the 3/4th grade Bengals. Players cannot play both soccer/field hockey and cheerleading. The cost is \$35.

Field Hockey:

South Hadley is proud to offer two field hockey teams. Hopefully, there will be two different age groups (grades 4-6 and grades 7-8); however, we have combined both age groups in the past to have one 5-8 team. Anybody interested in coaching/helping out should indicate their intentions on the registration form. Practices will begin in mid-August and the coach will notify you of your first practice time. The team will meet 2-4 times per week and will play games in various parts of Western Massachusetts.

The cost of the program is \$50. Participants should purchase their own stick and goggles; however there will be some sticks available if you need one. Players will receive a field hockey shirt and a skirt that must be returned at the conclusion of the season. Your coach will contact you in mid-August.

Soccer: Coaches will contact you around the beginning of the school year.

- **Kindergarten:** Play will be co-ed and will begin in early September (after the beginning of the school year) and will run until the end of October. Teams will be formed that will meet one or two times during the week including Saturday morning. The cost is \$20 and players will receive a team tee-shirt.
- **Grades 1 and 2:** These divisions are co-ed and will begin play in early September. Play will be divided into a Grade 1 league and a separate Grade 2 league. The cost is \$25 and each player will receive a team tee-shirt. Teams should expect to play two times per week until the end of October.
- **Grades 3/4 In-town:** This division is split up by gender and will begin play in early September. The season should end in late October/early November. The cost is \$25 and each player will receive a team tee-shirt. Teams will practice/play 2-3 times per week.
- **Grades 3/4 PVJSL:** New last season! Players in grades 3 & 4 will have the opportunity to play in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League which travels throughout parts of Western Massachusetts. Teams will be separated by gender and will compete 2-4 times per week and play will be more competitive than the Grade 3/4 In-town league. Rosters are limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis (no tryouts). The cost is \$70 and registrations began in May for these teams. Players will receive a soccer uniform (shirt/shorts/socks) and they must turn in a photo id at the time of registration.
- **Grades 5-8 Chicopee League:** These divisions are split up into 5/6th and 7/8th and will play in the Chicopee league which travels to Chicopee, Holyoke, Belchertown and a few other adjoining towns. The cost is \$40 and players will receive a soccer uniform (shirt/shorts/socks). Your coach will contact you in late August/early September for your first practice. The season should run until the end of October with the teams meeting 2-4 times per week.

- **Grades 5-8 PVJSL**: The Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League is the most competitive soccer league available under the Recreation Department. Teams should expect to play/practice 3-5 times per week and will travel throughout parts of Western Massachusetts. The registration period has concluded; however, we will continue to take registrations until the teams are full. Teams will be considered filled once we they reach 18 players. Children are separated by grade/gender in the PVJSL. The cost is \$70 and included a team uniform (shirt/shorts/socks).

Football: The Recreation Department offers tackle football for children in grades 3-8 in the fall. Please see our separate handout for youth football for further information.