



Parks & Recreation Department

John Sherman, Director

48 Lebanon Street
Hanover, NH 03755

(603) 640-3302

john.sherman@hanovernh.org

EQUAL PLAYING TIME PHILOSOPHY (4OCT16)

The goal of our team sports programs is to provide a safe, fun experience that can instill a lifelong passion for sports. The outcome on the scoreboard is not our primary objective.

HPR offers these programs in the hopes that your child will have fun, make new friends, and get healthy exercise. Most of all, we want the kids to have the experience of learning about teamwork, good sportsmanship, self-discipline, and the joy that comes from hard work and cooperation with others.

To be part of a team is an individual commitment to oneself and to each player on the team. This means each player is expected to be on time, attend practices and make a positive contribution to the team. This is mentioned as it directly relates to playing time during games.

Each player will have equal playing time in games averaged out over the course of the season in accordance with the below guidelines.

1. Playing time does not depend on skill level but rather on effort, attention, good sportsmanship and a willingness to learn and improve.
2. If a player does not participate in practices, playing time will be adversely affected.
3. Few players want to play defense or goalie in particular. As a result, those who do play in these positions may get more playing time. (sport applicable)