



Haddon Township Crew Club

Fall 2009 Information and Policy Sheet

The Haddon Township Crew Club is open to any student in grades 9 through 12 at Haddon Township High School as an official board approved club of the Haddon Township High School. Haddon Township Crew Club, Inc. is a non-profit corporation endorsed by the Haddon Township Board of Education to administer the club activities.

GENERAL GOALS OF HT CREW

- Provide opportunities for students of Haddon Township High School to learn about and take part in the sport of rowing;
- Continue to develop the program over time to be competitive with other local high school programs;
- Continue to build an inventory of boats, oars, rowing machines, and other resources that will support the club's recreational, training, and competitive activities;
- Provide opportunities for positive interaction with other people and organizations in the rowing community;
- Be a resource for anyone interested in learning about the sport of rowing;
- Promote and enhance the benefits of rowing for students, including physical fitness, discipline, team building, and leadership;

All student members will be eligible to participate in the program, as long as they meet the requirements of Camden County Boathouse, the Haddon Township School District, and the Cooper River Rowing Association for participation. These requirements include passing a basic swim test. All students must have had a physical within the calendar year and the form must be on file in the HTHS nurse's office. If you have not had a physical yet this year you need to have one and submit the completed form before practices begin.

Fall 2009 Schedule

Tentative Schedule will be available online and will also be distributed at registration.

Novice Program: Members will learn the basics of the sport including stroke technique, boat handling, and team building. This two week program will consist of 6 practices a week on the water for two weeks. Boats may be mixed male and female. After the two week novice program, participants may join the competitive program by paying the \$275 fee difference. Due to limited availability of seats in boats for races, there may not be room for all novices in the competitive program.

Competitive Program: Members are expected to be dedicated and serious rowers. Practice and regatta attendance is mandatory. The training program will consist of six practices a week, a variation of land and on the water. Students on the competitive team will compete for race boat positions based on criteria established by coaches including attendance, performance, and other measures. Depending on the number of interested students there may be tryouts to remain at this level.

Please see Code of Conduct for more specific information.

FEES: The club registration fee for Fall 2009 will be \$150 for the novice program and \$425 for the competitive program. Registration fees are used to cover all expenses incurred during the season – coaches' salaries, race fees, boathouse fees, equipment maintenance, insurance costs, etc. Purchases of equipment are not included in our operational budget and therefore are not a part of the registration fee. In order to maintain low fees but still provide adequate equipment, fundraisers are conducted. **It is expected that every rower and their parent/guardian will participate in those fundraisers.**

Other: We occasionally post team practice and race photos to our website (HTCrewClub.org) and in local newspapers. If you have any objection to photos of you and/or your family members being displayed on the website or in the newsletter please indicate this on your registration form.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration – August 25, 7-9 pm, cafeteria; September 3, 7-9 pm, lower gym lobby

Mandatory Parent Meeting – September 10, 7:00 pm, high school library

CONTACT AND INFORMATION

Please refer to the HT Crew website, HTCrewClub.org, for announcements and updates.

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