



Highland Groveland Recreation Association

Creating Community Through Sport

Summer Sports Leagues
Open to All Youth ages 4 - 18

BASEBALL **TRACK and FIELD** **SOCCER**

Registration opens February 1

Adult co-ed soccer available: 35U and 35+ leagues

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City dwellers thrive in communities. Neighbors connect around shoveling sidewalks and enjoying outdoor winter activities. As warmer weather returns, new communities will sprout, including those nurtured by the Highland Groveland Recreation Association (HGRA).

Founded by volunteers in 1957, HGRA is all about community. "We create community through sport," said George Mastrogiorgis, volunteer HGRA board member, parent and U18 soccer coach.

From May to September, about 2,000 players, ages 4-18 and older, and their families, come together around soccer, baseball and track. The community is laid back, with parents chatting on the sidelines in lawn chairs, while watching running and jumping, dribbling and passing, pitching and fielding, competing and collaborating.

"We offer fun, low-cost, family-friendly programs and leagues in a player-centric environment. We focus on sportsmanship and team-building," said Mastrogiorgis.

"We want the kids to have fun," added HGRA director of soccer operations Darrin Kraines. "I've played soccer since I was a kid. I'm not the best, but I love playing. After college, I wanted to stay connected to soccer, so I found HGRA."

"We have highly skilled coaches. Kids don't have to be stars to succeed," said Paul Peterson, HGRA baseball commissioner, parent and baseball coach. "The programs are structured without stress."

The baseball program manages teams and schedules for about 400 athletes, ages

5-12, in four T-ball and baseball leagues.

The soccer program is for athletes ages 4-adults. More than 1,400 soccer players register to play. "There's a place for all ages and all skill levels," said Kraines.

The track program has grown since its inception in 2008 to include over 350 athletes ages 4-14. "For the last three years,



Highland Groveland Recreation Association director of soccer operations Darrin Kraines, baseball commissioner Paul Peterson and board member George Mastrogiorgis.

I've enjoyed working with the program and seeing kids enjoy the sport as much as I do. There's something for everyone in track and field. That's one of the great things about the sport," said Daniel Docherty, HGRA director of administration and track and field commissioner.

Go online, www.hgra.org, to learn more about HGRA, its programs, the \$80 fee and need-based scholarships. Registration is open now. Rosters fill quickly. Sign up as soon as possible.

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