
It is with deepest regret that we must announce the withdrawal of the Hampton High School Football Team for the 2018-2019 season.

The HHS Athletic Committee, several community football members, and the HHS Administration team have met several times over the past few weeks to look at the football program at Hampton High School and in the community. We have discussed best practices with other High School teams and have discussed ways to try to promote football so that we create a strong sustainable football program at Hampton High and Hampton Minor Football.

In order to accurately assess student interest we had two meetings during school time, a meeting with the local minor football coaches and two community football clinics for all Bantam and High School aged players. At those meetings, it was communicated that we were looking at taking grade 11 and 12 student athletes only; unless a grade 9 or 10 player exhibited a high degree of football skill and knowledge, and minor and high school coaches agreed that an exception could be made. Attendance was taken at each meeting and the results verified that we were far below the acceptable amount of players needed to run a program safely at Hampton High this fall.

The rationale; we do not want HHS to continue to take Bantam aged players and damage our feeder program. In the past we have taken these students in order to have enough numbers to fill a roster and not because the player was ready to play at the High School level. This is harming our community football programs as well as it being a safety concern. This is not in the best interest of the student athlete or the Hampton Football program in general.

We hope to use this unfortunate situation to promote, recruit, and gain more interest in the sport of football through camps and clinics, and will revisit this again next year with hopes of having a team for the 2019-2020 season.