

Healthy Teens

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Surviving the Cut: Staying Active When your Teen Doesn't Make the School Team

Tryouts for school teams are common in junior and senior high, so is the reality of getting cut from one or more of these teams. Not making the team can be a tough experience for teens emotionally, socially and physically, but it doesn't mean an end to their involvement in sport.

There are many opportunities for teens to be active outside school sports. Encourage them to look into community recreation programs in order to develop and practice their skills. Community sport can be a great way for your teen to meet new people, have fun and enjoy being active in a less competitive environment. If competition is what your teen is after, some community leagues may have structured divisions based on recreational or competitive play, which allows a teen to choose a level based on their needs and wants. You could consider sports development camps in order to further grow your teen's skills and abilities. When looking into programs, some things to consider are: the ratio of training to playing; how



playing time is determined; the presence of the coach; and the emphasis on skill development or competition.

Being supportive of your teen is important for building and maintaining self-esteem and character. If your child gets cut from a school team, talk to them about what their goals are and provide them with options for how they can remain active, develop their skills, and have a positive experience with sport.

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Health Advice is as easy as 8-1-1

Did you know you can get trusted health advice around the clock from a registered nurse by dialing Health Link at 8-1-1?

Health Link is Alberta's free 24/7 health information and advice line. They can help assess symptoms and help you decide if you need to seek medical attention.

