

Hamamatsu City will be launching "Hamakuru" Regional Club Activities.

Starting on September, 2026
school extracurricular activities on holidays(weekends)
will be replaced by Regional Club activities.



Hamamatsu City aims to create a safe environment where all Jr. High school can continue join sports and cultural/artistic activities and connect with the community.

Let's start with the holidays (weekends).

Each individual can fully enjoy the activity they desire, those seeking self-improvement can do so, and develop their skills and deepen their bonds with their friends and connections with people in the community.

Together, we can create an exciting regional club.



Information

The Hamamatsu City "Guideline regarding Regional Development of weekend extracurricular activities (proposal)", were published on October 24th (Friday) 2025.

Named "Hamakuru guidelines"



Short version



Full text

Road Map

Preparation term

Until March 2026

- ▶ Information about the system and application terms
- ▶ Organizations/Club instructors prepare for application and registration

Application term (Expected)

From April 2026

- ▶ Opening for Application for "Hamakuru Certified Club"
- ▶ Registration for candidates for instructor positions
- ▶ Registration for students wishing to participate

Beginning of the transition

From September 2026

- ▶ In principle, School weekend extracurricular activities (bukatsudo) ends
- ▶ Start of activities for Hamakuru Certified Clubs

To the students/ guardians

Why are School Extracurricular Activities on holidays(weekends) changing to Regional Club activities



Until now, these activities were conducted and guided primarily by the school's teachers.

However, due to the impact of the low birth rate, the number of students is decreasing, making it difficult to build the teams, and the workload of teachers is increasing. Therefore, it is becoming difficult to continue the current format.

Hamamatsu City has decided to preserve the benefits of club activities while creating an environment where everyone can continue to take part in sports, cultural and artistic activities on weekends, without being limited to the framework of school activities. This is called "Regional Development of weekend extracurricular activities".

Hamakuru, is a local Club activity that Hamamatsu aims to promote. Hamakuru Certified Clubs, will be certified in accordance to Hamakuru's philosophy and will work with local residents to enjoy a variety of sports and activities, in addition to the traditional sports and cultural and artistic activities found in club activities.

Find a club activity that suits you and join in!

Participation procedure

※If the student is already a member of a Club that becomes a Hamakuru Certified Club, there is no special procedure to continue joining.

1 Looking for a Club to join

Check out the portal site (under construction), and find a club you would like to join from the Hamakuru Certified Clubs. Check the club policy, details of the events, transportation to the activity location, participation fees, and discuss participation with your family.

2 Contact the Club

Once the Club to join is being decided, follow the portal site inquires and application (currently under construction). Visit and experience the activities first, could be a good start.

3 Join a Club and start the activities

After completing the application, carefully check the activity schedule, time, location, needed items to join the club. The activities can finally start!



Benefits of a "Hamakuru Certified Club"

✓ A Certified Club is safe

"Hamakuru Certified Club", is an organization that meets all the certification requirements set by Hamamatsu City. Each Club, carries activities in accordance with the Hamakuru Guidelines, so participation is safe.

✓ Select based on your own preference

Students can choose to join a cultural/arts activity according to their interest. Multiple Clubs are also acceptable.

✓ Take on new activities and challenges

Students can easily try out sports and fields that are not offered at their own school. It is a chance to broaden horizons.

✓ Establishing a community interaction

Depending on the activities, students may be able to join activities with local adults and friends of different ages, expanding network and contacts.

For those interested in operate a Hamakuru Certified Club

Once certified by the city, the club can operate as a "Hamakuru Certified Club".



To become a "Hamakuru Certified Club", a club can be established from zero or transition from an existing club.

Five requirements must be clearly stated in the application for certification. Certified clubs will receive support from the city, such as free use of JR. High School facilities.

Would you like to work together to create a new type of club that fosters the children development and connection with the community?

For those interested in becoming an instructor

We are looking for instructors who can use their experience in sports and cultural /artistic activities to support the student's development.



Hamamatsu City is recruiting instructors to support local student's club activities and registering them in the "Hamakuru Human Resources Bank".

Why not use your sports and cultural /artistic experience to help students? There are not special qualification or requirement or specialized knowledge but as a general rule, training courses such as watching videos before starting activities are needed.

Those who already have qualifications or specialized knowledge will be able to lead greater abilities.

If you would like to join, please register with "Hamakuru Human Resources Bank".

< For more information >

In case of any questions or concerns about the Hamakuru initiatives, please contact us.
Also available for information about Club certification procedure and joining a certified club.

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