

# OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

## MUTUAL RESPECT POLICIES

*Please review the following policies so that we all may enjoy the wonderful facilities we have. We welcome you to our facilities and hope that you enjoy your time while on campus. The following list is a summary of the most pertinent policies within the outdoor recreation facilities at The Ohio State University. Please contact Kurt Schooley at (614) 247-8430 to receive a full set of policies or to discuss any concerns.*

- 1. Personal Property and Injury:** The university will assume no responsibility for lost or stolen articles. All patrons participate at their own risk.
- 2. Inclement Weather:** The Department of Recreational Sports personnel reserve the right to delay, postpone, relocate, and cancel events. In addition, the "nature of the sport" regarding impact of footwear and cleats on the grass will affect these decisions. Based upon wear patterns of events further changes and modifications may also need to be made.
- 3. Pre-Contest Warm-Ups:** If fields are wet/soft, yet still playable, practices and/or warm-ups may be re-located to another site or abbreviated to reduce field wear, yet still be able to play a contest.
- 4. Cleanup:** Groups are asked to leave the facility in better condition than they found it. This includes trash pickup and the sweeping of dirt/mud on floors in buildings/shelters. A minimum of a \$100 charge will be assessed for any residual trash or cleanup that needs to be done by Ohio State staff.
- 5. Facility Managers:** Facility users must follow all posted regulations and comply with decisions made by the facility manager and staff (including identifying oneself when so requested). The facility manager has the authority to cancel events and also has the option, if necessary, to contact University Police for assistance at any time.
- 6. Beverage Sale Policy:** All beverages to be sold must be Coke products.
- 7. Drugs, Alcohol, and Smoking:** In accordance with university, state, and federal laws, alcohol, drugs and smoking are prohibited at any recreational facility. Failure to abide by this policy is also grounds for immediate cancellation of an event.
- 8. Grills:** Open fires or grills with charcoal are prohibited other than grills installed at the Fred Beekman Park and Women's Field House Shelter areas, unless otherwise approved prior to an event. When grills are used, please protect against grease stains.
- 9. Parking:** Parking is allowed in approved university spaces only, based upon Transportation and Parking rules and regulations. Parking in any recreational facility or blocking the entrance or exit to a facility is prohibited.
- 10. Automotive Vehicles:** Automotive vehicles are prohibited on any grass area. Approved access points must be used for loading and unloading. Parking and driving on the Fred Beekman Park jogging path is also prohibited unless prior approval has been granted.
- 11. Tents:** Tents requiring staking, chairs, tables, or any other objects that would cause penetration to the lawn are prohibited (with the exception of the Mount Hall Picnic Grove). Tents must be approved prior to an event and have the proper Department of Commerce permit when applicable. Contact Felicia Bolin at (614) 995-1420 to arrange for necessary permits.
- 12. Signs:** Signs, banners and other items may not be attached to site furniture, trees or light poles. Sites must be approved for signage. Furthermore the use of tape must be approved prior to use and removed after use. Sponsorship signs must also be approved prior to use to comply with the university/departmental sponsorship contracts.
- 13. Damage:** Individuals reserving facility space for activities are responsible for the conduct and actions of all parties associated with and participating in the event. This includes casual spectators, followers and team members/opponents. Any damage to the facility and/or equipment is the responsibility of the individuals/groups reserving the space and must be reported immediately. The party is also responsible for the charges associated with these damages and has seven (7) business days to pay for them.
- 14. Misconduct:** All patrons are expected to use proper conduct. Infliction or threat of bodily or emotional harm, whether done intentionally or with reckless disregard, including threat or action in retaliation for making allegations of misconduct, is prohibited. Use of abusive language and/or sexual misconduct is prohibited.
- 15. Cancellation:** The termination of a rental agreement by either party can only occur if notice is provided to the other party at least 14 days before the lease term begins. If the Department of Recreational Sports cancels due to unforeseen events the deposit will be refunded in full. If the rental group terminates an agreement less than 14 days before the event, they will forfeit the full 50% mandatory deposit plus any expenses incurred by the Department of Recreational Sports in preparation of the anticipated event (i.e. field painting, infield chalking, etc).
- 16. Rental Space:** Groups are restricted to the facilities they have been scheduled to use by Department of Recreational Sports. A copy of a facility confirmation sheet must also be present at the facility at all times. Forging or providing false information on a facility request/confirmation is prohibited.
- 17. Safety Margins:** Groups must lay out their field(s) and/or court(s) with proper safety margins as set forth by the respective governing body (i.e. NCAA, FIFA, NFHS, NIRSA, ASA, USSSA, IRB, ICC, etc.).
- 18. Tackle Football:** Tackle football is not permitted to be played at any Department of Recreational Sports facility with the lone exception being those members of the Department of Recreational Sports Football Club.