

**Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department
Park Rules & Regulations**

SECTION 101.01 - HOURS OF OPERATION

North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. from March 1st through November 30th. Beginning December 1st through February 28th North Park is open sunrise to 8:00 p.m. No person is permitted in any area of North Park after these hours without the written permission of the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Director.

No person shall be present in any area of South Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Edward & Mary Zink Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Nelson M. Keck Park, Devonshire Park or Stuhldreher Street Fields Park from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise without the written permission of the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Director.

Exception:

South Park area for parking and restroom use for the purpose of evening baseball games at the school's varsity boys' baseball field will be permitted for the duration of the game.

SECTION 101.02 - INJURING OR CLIMBING UPON TREES, FENCES AND GATES, DIGGING UPON SOD OR GRASS, LITTERING, GLASS CONTAINERS

- A. No person shall injure, deface, disturb, remove or climb on any portion or property of the Parks including, but not limited to, any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other natural feature, fence, gate, building, sign or equipment.
- B. No person shall dig upon the sod or otherwise injure the grass in the Parks.
- C. No person shall deposit any litter or other refuse on any Park grounds.
- D. No glass bottles or containers are permitted on Park grounds.

SECTION 101.03 - INTERFERENCE WITH PARK EMPLOYEES

No person shall interfere with or interrupt the persons employed in the Parks for the improvement or management thereof.

SECTION 101.04 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No person shall bring into, possess, carry, serve or drink alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to, beer, wine, liquor or beverage containing alcohol whatsoever in any area of the Parks except as authorized in writing by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department and the Jackson Township Board of Trustees.

SECTION 101.05 - KINDLING OF FIRE

- A. No person shall kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in any of the Parks, except in such grills or devices provided by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department. Portable grills may be approved with written permission from the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director. The Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau must be notified of any portable grills in the Parks.
- B. No person shall leave any authorized fire unattended or empty the contents of any grill or device onto the ground before the fire has been extinguished.

SECTION 101.06 - FIREARMS

No person, unless given written permission from the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director, shall carry or use firearms of any description or air rifle, slingshot, missile throwing device, within any area of the Parks, or discharge any firearms, fireworks, or explosive substances or air rifle in any Park area. This section does not apply to on-duty police officers of the Jackson Township Police Department or authorized law enforcement.

SECTION 101.07 - HUNTING

No person shall hunt, pursue or trap game birds, game quadruped or fur bearing animals within the Parks.

SECTION 101.08 - DISPOSITION OF REFUSE OR LITTER

A. No person shall dump rubbish, garbage, litter, refuse or debris of any kind within any area of the Parks except in such places and within such receptacles as are provided.

B. Residents on private property or their employees shall not deposit rubbish, garbage, refuse or debris accruing from such residences and any refuse receptacles provided for Parks visitors on Parks land.

C. Spring & fall clean-up of leaves, bundled branches (cut to three feet long), will be accepted in a designated area of the Park. No plastic bags, trash, bottles, cans, garbage or building materials will be accepted. Days & times of the clean-up will be set by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees.

SECTION 101.09 - GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

A. No person shall conduct any organized or scheduled game of chance or other gambling activity except as authorized by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director and in accordance with law.

B. No person having charge or control of or connected with any Parks game or activity shall require persons witnessing such games or activity to pay any charge or admission to the Parks, to occupy seats in the grandstand, any shelter or other facility or field in the Parks unless such person is authorized to do so by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the person in charge of such game or amusement from asking voluntary donations from persons witnessing such games or amusement provided said person first obtains written permission from the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director to collect said voluntary contributions.

C. No persons shall rent, sell, solicit or offer for sale, have in his possession with the intent to rent or sell, or expose for rent or sale any item or service in any area of the Parks except concessions and other business activities authorized by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director.

SECTION 101.10 - MOTOR VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES AND SKATERS (IN-LINE OR OTHER)

A. Motor vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles and skaters (in-line or other) are required to travel paved roads and parking lots.

B. No persons shall operate any motor vehicle or motorcycle or ride any bicycle or skate within any area of the Parks except over and upon roads, parking lots or other such facilities which are designated or posted for such purposes.

C. No person shall operate any traction engine, steam-roller or commercial vehicle upon the roads or parking lots of the Parks, except such as are used by Jackson Township or Jackson Local School District in the repair and maintenance of the Parks.

D. No person shall repair, wash, polish or clean any motor vehicle or motorcycle in any area of the Parks except for emergency purposes.

E. Use of snowmobiles is prohibited in the Parks.

SECTION 101.11 - HORSES

No person shall lead, ride or drive any horse upon any road, avenue or land in any area of the Parks without written permission from the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director.

SECTION 101.12 - GOLF

No person shall practice the game of golf in or upon any area of the Parks.

SECTION 101.13 - SIGNS, POSTERS

No person shall erect or post any placard, sign, notice, poster or billboard within the Parks without written permission from the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director. A permit holder of a park facility may hang one banner or sign for the duration of their permitted activity that identifies the permit holder upon the written approval of the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Director. The size (not more than 32 sq. ft.) and location (must not pose a safety hazard) of the signage will fall under the jurisdiction of the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department. The organization identifying sign must be removed at the end of the permitted activity, including all materials used to hang said banner, i.e., ties, hooks, etc. Drilling or nailing of any kind is prohibited on any park structure unless by written approval of the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director. No signs will reflect tobacco, alcohol, bars ads or be lewd or pornographic in nature as determined by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director. Signs will remain the sole responsibility of the permit holder. The Parks & Recreation Department will remove any damaged banner, improperly secured banner, or improperly placed banner. No zoning permit is required.

SECTION 101.14 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT

No person shall, either by word or act, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct; or in any manner disturb the peace or good order within the Parks; nor shall any person engage in any active game endangering other persons in the Parks; nor shall any person play at games of chance, drink alcoholic beverages, or to be intoxicated, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein. No person shall enter a toilet room or restroom facility set apart for the opposite sex.

SECTION 101.15 - PETS

Pets are not permitted in the North Park, with the exception of special circumstances where written permission is obtained from the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director. All pets, while on any other Park grounds, lots, streets, drives or any other Park facilities, shall be controlled by a leash connected with a person or fixed object. Do not leave pets unattended. Clean up after your pet if it defecates.

SECTION 101.16 - FISHING; USE OF NORTH POND, DECK & GAZEBO

A. Fishing is allowed only in the North Park Pond during the hours the Park is open. No fishing is permitted from the gazebo. Unauthorized stocking or dumping of fish or bait is prohibited.

B. No floatation devices permitted in the North Park Pond.

- C. Ice fishing and ice skating is prohibited unless posted safe by the Park Operations Director.
- D. Rock throwing in any area of the Parks is prohibited.
- E. Swimming or wading in the North Park Pond is prohibited.
- F. Running, skating (in-line or other) or bicycles are prohibited on the deck.
- G. Hanging, standing or walking on railings, walls and pond rocks is also prohibited.

SECTION 101.17 - USE OF PARK FACILITIES: RECREATIONAL FIELDS/COURTS

The North and South Park pavilions, recreational fields/courts and facilities are available for public use. The following applies to those who would like to reserve a pavilion or field/court or to those who interfere with the said reserved use. The attached pavilion, field and concession stand reservation, violation of Park permits and fundraising policies are incorporated herein.

All permits must be obtained through the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department. Residency will be determined and verified by the Parks & Recreation Department. The purpose of a park facility or athletic field/court permit is to guarantee the permit holders a time, date and place for their activities and to maximize the availability of park facilities or fields/courts for all. No other person(s) shall use or interfere with the use of a facility or field/court that is being used by a permit holder unless required for an emergency such as thunderstorm, lightning, wind, etc. Violations of permits cannot be tolerated because the rights of other Park users are also violated. Behavior and conduct prohibited by the regulations for the Jackson Township Parks, including section 101.14, shall also be considered a permit violation. Submission of proof of the attached liability insurance requirements is required for the pavilion events or recreational activities as determined by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Director. Execution of the attached release of claims is required by participants in the pavilion events or recreational activities as determined by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Director.

A permit is not required to use the Nelson M. Keck Park. However, activities or events exceeding fifty (50) persons in attendance are prohibited because there would not be sufficient space to safely accommodate that number of persons.-

The Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department will issue all use permits to organizations and individuals on the following price schedule:

No Charge:

Jackson Township Residents
Jackson Township Employees
Non-profit Organizations

\$10.00 per hour

Non-residents
For-profit groups, Organizations or Companies

Non-profit organizations are required to provide the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department proof of non-profit status.

A. PAVILIONS/CONCESSION STAND - Completion of the application and the Park Director or designee approvals of the permit request is required to reserve the North or

South Park pavilions, and the concession stand in the South Park. Pavilion/concession stand permits are issued on a first come, first served basis. Events at the North and South Park pavilions that could exceed 150 persons in attendance are prohibited, unless written authorization is granted by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director. Use of pavilions and related public areas that exceed the maximum attendance levels cannot be safely accommodated by the available space. The permit holder shall employ a Jackson Township Police officer(s) for events at either pavilion as determined by the Park Director. **THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TRASH PICK UP OR CLEAN UP AT THE PAVILION SITE.**

B. ATHLETIC FIELDS/COURTS - Completion of the application and the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department Director approvals of the permit request is required to reserve any Park recreational field/court. Recreational fields/courts can only be used for their specified recreational use and are not available for any other activities or events. Permits for non-residents, for-profit groups, organizations or companies will only be issued upon receipt of payment. Payments are made to: Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department. The aforementioned parties in partnerships with the township, whether through mutual aid agreement or other, are not required to pay the reservation price. **THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TRASH PICK UP AT THE RECREATIONAL FIELD SITE.**

Jackson Township Parks & Recreation programs, events and parent athletic organizations have priority use of the fields. Parent athletic organizations are considered the township's largest athletic organizations in each respective sport, consisting of the greatest number of residents. Non-residents, for-profit groups, organizations or companies will be given consideration for athletic fields only after the local needs of the parent athletic organizations have been met. The Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department will strive to schedule fields in a fair and equal manner.

C. Action Park Rules and Regulations

It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the following rules and regulations while at the Action Park:

1. Enter at your own risk, Jackson Township or its employees assume no responsibility for injury or accidents. Be alert, flying objects are not uncommon.
2. All participants must wear appropriate safety gear: Helmets must fit properly with straps fastened. Pads, gloves and guards are strongly recommended.
3. Use of the facility is only allowed during park hours – (daylight to dusk). After hours use or use when closed will result in a trespass citation.
4. This is an action park, scooters, motorized vehicles are not allowed. Violations will result in trespass citations and possible seizure of equipment.
5. Do not skate if the surface is wet or icy. Extremely dangerous.
6. Know your abilities and participate within them. Exercise common sense and courtesy to others.
7. No spectators inside the action park area. Watch from outside the area for your safety.
8. Alcohol, tobacco products and drugs are prohibited.
9. No obstacles, other material, glass, food or drink is allowed in the action park.
10. Trash containers must be used to keep the park clean and safe.
11. Jackson Township reserves the right to revoke the use of the action park for those individuals that do not obey the rules. In addition, all Township and park rules will be enforced.

SECTION 101.18 – FUNDRAISING

Fundraising projects may be permitted in the Parks with the written approval of the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Director. A percentage of the gross proceeds raised from fundraising efforts may be donated to the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department. The percentage will be based on a case by case basis and included as part of the fundraising agreement made between the Parks Director and the permit holder. Written approval is contingent upon compliance with any zoning, health department or other regulatory body having jurisdiction over various aspects of a fundraising effort. For state audit purposes, the Jackson Township Fiscal Officer reserves the right to audit any group or individual's records relating to using Township facilities for fundraising. Written consent from all applicable agencies will be required before any fundraising activity can be conducted. Any agreements or approvals are subject to review by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees.

SECTION 101.19 - FINES AND PENALTIES

A. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 504.04(A)(1) and (2) and 504.05, any person who violates this resolution is subject to a written warning for the first violation, a fine of \$50.00 for the second violation and a \$200.00 fine for each subsequent violation.

B. It is the intent of these regulations that they are to be additional or supplemental to the existing criminal, traffic and civil laws contained in the Ohio Revised Code. It is also the intent of these regulations that their adoption does not in any way modify or abrogate the authority of any police officer to conduct any activities while on any area of the Parks.

SECTION 101.20 - SEVERABILITY

If any of the provisions in any of the sections of the above legislation should be rendered invalid or unenforceable by the enactment of the statutory law or by a court of competent jurisdiction within the time provided thereof or by any administrative or executive official having authority to rule in the matter, such legislation, decision or ruling shall not affect the validity of the surviving portions of this legislation which shall remain in full force and effective as if such invalid portions thereof had not been included therein.