

GREEN TOWNSHIP

FACILITY USE PACKAGE

The purpose of this package is to give individuals and organizations the ability and opportunity to use many of the facilities owned by Green Township.

General Code Chapter IX – Public Property, Parks and Recreation Areas – sets forth the rules and regulations that govern use of Green’s facilities and Chapter VIII – Fees sets forth the fees for use of the facilities. Both are attached here for your review and certification of review.

Application process:

A one page application must be completely filled in, signed, and submitted to the Recreation Committee Secretary, with **all** support documentation as required, at least 30 in advance and no more than 45 days prior to the desired use date. Note that submission of an application does not constitute approval.

The application and support documents will be reviewed for completeness. At such time as an application is considered complete it will be identified as ready for approval and sent to the approving authority. The approving authority is dependent on the type of application and will be determined on a case by case basis.

Approval is conditioned upon receipt of any applicable fees and all required documentation. The applicant will be notified of conditional approval and upon receipt of any required fees and/or outstanding documentation the applicant will be given a copy of the approved application which shall be available for public inspection at the event.

An Application will be considered complete when:

For all applicants:

- ALL items have been filled in on the application.
- A fully completed Hold Harmless has been submitted (acceptable form attached).

Additional documents for Organizations or Entities:

- Submission of an insurance certificate naming Green Township, Green Township Officers, Green Township Employees, and Green Township Volunteers as additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis with a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 Comprehensive General Liability.
- Submission of a roster of participants including, at minimum, name, address and age group.

Additional documents for youth activity:

- Submission of an affidavit (form attached) **MUST** be submitted certifying that all coaches, assistant coaches and adults who are in positions of authority or control of youth participants have completed and passed a background check within the last four years.
- Submission of an affidavit (form attached) certifying that an Athletic Code of Conduct has been adopted by the local organization and that each participant has attested to his receipt and review.

Special Provisions/Needs

Special provisions or needs (sanitary, parking, etc.) will be considered as requested in the application. This includes any variances from the Chapter IX regulations. In the event that special provisions are approved and provided, the Township reserves the right to charge facility users for the costs for special provisions/needs.

Where a variance from Chapter IX is requested please cite the section of Chapter IX from which relief is being sought and provide an explanation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Note: that any on-site food preparation for resale will require inspection by the County Department of Health. In addition, any food preparation using fire will require inspection by the Fire Official.

Note: that the erection of tents or temporary structures, small truck mounted kiddie rides, inflatable bounces, slides and other inflatable attractions (equipment) will need inspection and approval by the Construction Official **and** Submission of an insurance certificate naming Green Township, Green Township Officers, Green Township Employees, and Green Township Volunteers as additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis with a minimum of \$1,000,000. Comprehensive General Liability **from the supplier of the equipment** (this is in addition to the Certificate of Liability Insurance from the Organization or Entity when applicable).

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04

TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

“AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CHAPTER IX IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND AMENDING CHAPTER VIII, FEES.”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Green in the County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter IX shall be repealed in its entirety and shall be replaced with new Chapter IX, Public Property, Parks and Recreation Areas as follows:

**CHAPTER IX
PUBLIC PROPERTY, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**

9-1 Title; Purpose; Facilities; Definitions.

- A. Title. This chapter shall hereafter be known and cited as “Park and Public Property Rules and Regulations.”
- B. This chapter is enacted to establish rules and regulations for the protection, care and control of all public facilities including open space, Township buildings, parks, playgrounds and athletic fields in the Township and to regulate the conduct of persons on or within such public facilities.
- C. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

TOWNSHIP FACILITY OR FACILITIES

Facilities include but not limited to:

EverGreen Park:

- Main Soccer Field
- Practice Soccer Field
- Westra Field
- Orr Field
- Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Pavillion (w/o kitchen)
- Pavilion (w/ kitchen)
- Parking Lot

EverGreen Trail Park (field)

Wesley Field

- Baseball Field (Little League)

Papa Park

Pittenger Park

Fireman’s Field

Town Hall - Including Downstairs Meeting Room and parking lot

Greendell PO parking lot

Tranquility PO parking lot

Trinca Airport

FACILITIES USER GROUPS are defined as follows:

Group 1 – youth programs associated with GTSC or Green Township based non-profit youth organizations whose participants include 75% Green residents, have open registration (regardless of skill level), provide an “everyone participates” philosophy.

Group 2 – adult programs associated with GTSC or Green Township based non-profit adult programs whose participants includes 75% Green Residents.

Group 3 – youth non-profit organizations who are unable to meet the Group 1 criteria.

Group 4 – adult non-profit organization who are unable to meet the Group 2 criteria.

Group 5 – youth or adult programs/events that are not non-profit.

9-2 Hours; special events.

- A. Parks shall be open daily to the public from sunrise to sunset. No person shall enter or remain in any park before sunrise or after sunset. Vehicles shall not be left in facility parking areas overnight unless a permit is obtained from the Township Committee or their designated agent.
- B. Permits are required for the use of any and all Township facilities, including parks or recreation areas or portions of these, by any persons and/or organizations wishing to use the facilities or parks for parties, assemblages, business or entertainment, or athletic events. Interested parties may apply to the Township Committee or its designated agent on a form supplied by the Township Clerk and, as further outlined in Section 9-13 of this Chapter.
- C. Any section or part of a park or facility may be declared closed to the public at any time for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular intervals as deemed appropriate by the Township Committee or its designated agent.

9-3 Alcoholic Beverages.

No person shall bring alcoholic beverages into or onto any Township facilities or possess or consume alcoholic beverages in or at any facility at any time.

9-4 Animals.

Except for guide or service dogs assisting their owner, no person shall bring, possess or harbor any pet or domestic animal of any nature on or into any Township facility.

9-5 Construction of Buildings; Utilities.

No person shall construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, on any facility or run or string any public service utility into or across any facility or property, except on special written permit issued by the Township Committee or their designated agent.

9-6 Firearms and Explosives; fires.

- A. The possession or discharge of any and all firearms, explosives, firecrackers and projectiles, including but not limited to arrows on any facility, is prohibited at all times.
- B. No person shall build or attempt to build a fire on the grounds of or in any facility.

9-7 Hunting/Fishing.

- A. No person shall annoy, harass, hunt, pursue, capture, trap, take, wound or kill any wildlife at any facility by any means, including but not limited to firearms, long-or compound bow, traps, nets or snares.
- B. No person shall fish in any facility area where bathing is permitted.

9-8 Litter; Glass.

- A. No person shall throw or deposit litter or waste anywhere at any facility other than in public litter receptacles; this will include, but not be limited to, bodies of water in or adjacent to any facility or any tributary stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters.

- B. Where public litter receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish and waste shall be carried away from the facility by the persons responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- C. No person shall possess glass containers or other glass objects at or around any facility or cause glass containers or glass objects to be brought into any facility.

9-9 Maintenance and Use of Facilities.

- A. No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, tamper with, displace or remove any trees, shrubs, plants, buildings, materials, public utility equipment, monuments, markers or other structures or equipment at any facility or facility's property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
- B. No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining rest rooms and washrooms designated for public use at any facility.
- C. No person shall climb any tree or stand or sit on any monument, vases, planters, fountains, railings, fences or other property not designated or customarily used for such purpose at any facility.

9-10 Motorized Vehicles; Speed Limit.

- A. The use of all motorized vehicles, including mopeds and all-terrain vehicles, is restricted to designated roadways and parking areas. Operation of such motorized vehicles in any other facility area is prohibited.
- B. The speed limit on all park roadways and in all parking areas shall be 15 miles per hour.

9-11 Non-motor Powered Vehicles.

- A. No person shall operate a non-motor powered vehicle without reasonable regard to the safety of others; this will include, but not be limited to, bicycles, skateboards and roller skates.
- B. No person shall leave a non-motor powered vehicle at any facility or apparatus on the ground or paving or set against trees or in any place or position where others may trip over or be injured by it. Where available, all bicycles shall be placed in bike racks.

9-12 Soliciting, Gambling, Vending, Signs.

- A. Solicitation of alms or contributions for any purpose, whether public or private, shall be prohibited at any facility.
- B. Vending or exposing for offering for sale any article, thing or service shall be prohibited. Exception shall be made for any non-profit organization who has obtained approval for this activity from the Township Committee or their designated agent.
- C. No person shall paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription whatever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to any facility except as permitted by the Township Committee or their designated agent.

9-13 Standards of Conduct and Dress.

- A. While in or at a facility: all persons shall conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner.
- B. No person shall dress or undress at any facility or any portion or area of any facility.
- C. While in or at a facility, no person shall allow himself or herself to be so covered with a bathing suit so as to indecently expose his or her person.

9-14 Swimming and Wading.

No person shall swim, bathe or wade in any waters or waterways in or adjacent to any facility except in such waters and at such times and places designated by the Township Committee or its designated agent.

9-15 Use of Facilities – Permit Process; Fees

- A. Persons and/or organizations wishing to use Township owned facilities including park areas (including picnic areas, playground areas, athletic field areas, parking areas, etc.) and indoor areas (meeting rooms, kitchen, etc.) for parties, assemblages, business engagements, or entertainment are required to apply to

the Township Committee or its designated agent for permission to use in writing on a form supplied by the Township Clerk.

- B. Application for the use of a Township owned facility shall be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the first date of requested use nor any earlier than 45 days prior to the first date of requested use.
- C. Permission to use a facility shall not be granted unless and until a fully completed Hold Harmless Agreement, in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney and Risk Manager, is submitted to the Township. In addition, any organization or entity that wishes to use a facility shall submit an insurance certificate naming Green Township, Green Township officers, employees and volunteers as additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis with a minimum of \$1,000,000 Comprehensive General Liability.
- D. Fees for use of facilities shall be set by the Township Committee in Chapter VIII. Fees shall be submitted no later than 7 days prior to use. An application is not considered approved until all fees are submitted.
- E. Submission of an application does not constitute approval of the application.
- F. In the event more than one request for use of facilities is received for the same time/day, facilities will be allocated to applicants based on the Facilities User Groups defined in 9-1C. Group 1 shall have first priority followed by Group 2 and so on. If two (or more) organizations of the same Group conflict, then the organization with the higher percentage of Green Township participants will prevail, OR the use of the facility will be divided based on the percentage of Green Township residents. The Township Committee or its designated agent will determine the use on a case by case basis.
- G. The Township reserves the right to cancel or suspend a facility use permit for the following:
 - a. Weather or emergency related situations
 - b. Damage to facility/property
 - c. Non-use of facility/property at requested times (w/o notification)
 - d. Use of alternate facility/property w/o permit
- H. The Township reserves the right to require Township personnel at the applicant's expense to be present at any event to protect the Township's interest. Such determination shall be made on a case by case basis by the Township Committee or its designated agent and the applicant will pay an hourly fee in accordance with the fee schedule in Chapter VIII. This shall be in addition to any other applicable fees.
- I. Effective August 1, 2015 prior to any youth club or organization receiving a permit to use a Township owned property, the club or organization must complete an affidavit on a form approved by the Township Attorney certifying that all coaches, assistant coaches and adults who are in positions of authority or control of youth participants under the age of 18 have completed and passed a background check within the last four years, meaning that the individual has not been convicted of any of the disqualifying offenses set forth in N.J.S.A. 15A:3A-3. The affidavit shall also state that the affiant is not aware of any relevant convictions subsequent to the background check.
- J. Effective August 1, 2015 prior to any youth club or organization receiving a permit to use a Township owned property, the club or organization must complete an affidavit on a form approved by the Township Attorney certifying that an Athletic Code of Conduct has been adopted by the club substantially similar to the model policies promulgated by the New Jersey Attorney General pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:17-1 et seq. and certify that each participant - coaches, assistant coaches, parent and youth participant - has reviewed the code and attested to his review.

9-16 Violation and Penalties

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punishable in accordance with Chapter 1-5 General Penalty.

9-17 Enforcement

The Township Committee members, its designees, the Recreation Committee members or the State Police shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 2: The following Ordinance Section shall be amended so as to read as follows:

CHAPTER VIII - FEES

**ARTICLE VII
Recreation**

	Minimum	Maximum
8-101 Registration for participation in a seasonal sport per participant or family (this category includes but is not limited to: volleyball, softball, basketball, soccer)	\$5.00	\$150.00
8-102 Registration for participation in miscellaneous Township sponsored events (this category includes but is not limited to: yard sale, road race, sponsor donations, barbeques, movie nights, bus trips, etc.)	\$5.00	\$500.00

Specific fees (within the given ranges) for various activities shall be identified by duly adopted Resolution of the Green Township Committee.

8-103 Use of Township Owned Facilities

A. Fees Schedule (actual fees to be based on applicant's facilities user group):

	per ½ day (< 4 hours)	per day (> 4 hours)
EverGreen Park:		
Main Soccer Field	\$75.00	\$100.00
Practice Soccer Field	\$50.00	\$ 75.00
Westra Field	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Orr Field	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Baseball Field	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Basketball Court	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Pavillion (w/o kitchen)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Pavilion (w/ kitchen)	\$75.00	\$100.00
Parking Lot	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00
EverGreen Trail Park (field)	not yet available	
Wesley Field Baseball Field (Little League)	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Papa Park	no fee – available by permit to non-profit only	
Pittenger Park	no fee – available by permit to non-profit only	
Fireman's Field	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00
Town Hall		
Downstairs Meeting Room	no fee – available by permit to non-profit only	
Parking Lot		

Greendell PO parking lot	no fee – available by permit to non-profit only
Tranquility PO parking lot	no fee – available by permit to non-profit only
Trinca Airport	\$150.00 \$200.00

The fees are cumulative. For example, if both the main soccer field and the practice soccer field is requested the fees will be combined for a total.

B. Application of Fees:

For purposes of these fees, facilities user groups have been identified as follows:

Group 1 – youth programs associated with GTSC or Green Township based non-profit youth organizations whose participants include 75% Green residents, have open registration (regardless of skill level), provide an “everyone participates” philosophy.

Fee to be paid – none.

Group 2 – adult programs associated with GTSC or Green Township based non-profit adult programs whose participants includes 75% Green Residents.

Fee to be paid – GTSC associated program – fee to be equivalent to the cost of Insurance on a per participant basis – a roster of participants is required with application.

Green Township based non-profit – fee to be equivalent to percentage of non-Green resident participants – a roster of participants is required with application as well as an executed Hold Harmless Agreement and a Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Group 3 – youth non-profit organizations who are unable to meet the Group 1 criteria.

Fee to be paid – equivalent to percentage of non-Green resident participants.

Group 4 – adult non-profit organization who are unable to meet the Group 2 criteria.

Fee to be paid – equivalent to percentage of non-Green resident participants.

Group 5 – youth or adult programs/events that are not non-profit.

Fee to be paid – full fee outlined above.

C. The Township may require Township personnel to be present at an event to protect the interests of the Township. A fee in the amount of \$45.00 per hour shall be assessed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Township Committee or its designated agent. This fee shall be in addition to any other applicable fees.

8-104 through 8-120 (reserved for future use)

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

**GREEN TOWNSHIP
APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE A TOWNSHIP FACILITY**

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
NAME:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:	PHONE:
ORGANIZATION NAME:	NON-PROFIT?
ORGANIZATION ADDRESS:	(if yes please provide proof upon request)
FACILITY INFORMATION	
Please circle all facilities requested: EverGreen Park: Main Soccer Field Practice Soccer Field Westra Field Orr Field Raffay Field Basketball Court Pavilion (w/o kitchen) Pavilion (w/ kitchen) Parking Lot EverGreen Trail Park (field) Wesley Field Baseball Field (Little League) Papa Park Pittenger Park Fireman's Field Town Hall - Downstairs or Meeting Room Parking lot Greendell PO parking lot Tranquility PO parking lot Trinca Airport	DATE REQUESTED: _____ TIME REQUESTED: _____ PURPOSE: _____ _____ _____ SPECIAL PROVISIONS REQUESTED: _____ _____ _____
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION	
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: (roster attached)	
NUMBER OF GREEN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING:	PERCENT GREEN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS =
IS THIS AN ADULT (over 18 years old) OR YOUTH (under 18 years old) PROGRAM/EVENT? (circle one)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For Official Use Only</u></p> _____ Certificate of Insurance _____ Hold Harmless _____ Referral to DPW Approved/Disapproved _____ Referral to Construction Official (appd/disappd) _____ Referral to Fire Official Approved/Disapproved _____ Administrator/Clerk Receipt Approved/Disapproved _____ User Fee Paid (date rcd _____)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Comments</u></p>

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I, _____, hereby certify that I have read, understand and agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations as set forth in Green Township General Ordinances Chapter IX and VIII. *The Undersigned acknowledges that although Green township will follow all COVID-19 guidelines, including those issued by the CDC, Executive Order No. 153, the DOH and OSHA, there is still a risk that the Undersigned and/or any member(s) of the organization may contract COVID-19, including from places organization members or guest(s) visit outside the perimeter of Green Township facilities. The Undersigned, on behalf of him/herself, organization, staff, agents, and minors, agrees to hold Green Township harmless and release the Township and its employees, governing body members, officers, directors, members, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability related to any potential COVID-19 exposure, including but not limited to damages, liability, claims, and/or costs, including medial costs and attorneys' fees.*

Applicant Signature

Date

Township of Green

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The _____ 1, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby agrees to save, indemnify and hold harmless the Township of Green, and all of its agents and employees, against all claims, judgments, demands for damages, and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of, by reason of, on account of, in consequence of, or in connection with _____ 2, arising from accidents to any persons or property caused by the _____ 1, its agents, servants, employees, invitees and guests. Said indemnification also applies against all claims, judgments, losses, demands for damages, and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, arising from accidents to the Township of Green its agents or employees; or to the _____ 1, its agents, servants, employees, invitees and guests, whether occasioned or caused by said _____ 1, its agents, servants, employees, invitees and guests. It is the intention of this agreement that the Township of Green, its agents or employees shall be indemnified for its own negligence, for all claims, judgments, losses, demands for damages, and expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising from such accident or accidents, to the fullest extent of the law, unless it is determined that Township of Green, its agents or employees are solely negligent. The _____ 1, shall defend any and all suits that may be brought against the Township of Green, its agents or employees on account of such accidents and will make good to, and reimburse, the Township of Green its agents or employees for any expenditures, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, that the Township of Green, its agents or employees may make by reason of such accidents.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Acknowledged and Sworn Before Me

This _____ day of _____, _____

My Commission expires _____

Notary Public: _____

1. Subcontractor, tenant, non-profit, lessee, etc.
2. Project, event, etc.

AFFIDAVITS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

BACKGROUND CHECK CERTIFICATION

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

I _____ hereby certify that all coaches, assistant coaches, and adults who are in positions of authority or control of the youth participants under the age of 18 have completed and passed a background check within the last four years and no individual has been convicted of any of the disqualifying offenses set forth in N.J.S.A. 15A:3A-3.

I further certify that I am not aware of any relevant convictions subsequent to said background check.

Signature of party responsible for facility use

CODE OF CONDUCT CERTIFICATION

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

I, _____, hereby certify that an Athletic Code of Conduct has been adopted by this youth organization (club) substantially similar to the model policies promulgated by the New Jersey Attorney General pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:17-1 et seq.

I further certify that each participant – coach, assistant coach, parent and youth participant – has reviewed the code and attested to his review.

Signature of party responsible for facility use



Guidance for Sports Activities

*Executive Order No. 149, issued on May 29, 2020, permitted sporting activities, including organized sports, to resume on June 22, 2020. Permissible sporting activities must take place in **outdoor** settings only in a manner that **does not involve person-to-person contact** or routinely entail individuals interacting within six feet of one another, and may not resume until June 22, 2020 or later. However, as indicated below, we expect to be able to allow certain contact activities starting July 6, assuming we continue to make progress in our fight against COVID-19.*

This “Guidance for Sports Activities” published by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) is intended to guide organizations that oversee sports activities as they resume operations to ensure the health and safety of staff, participants, and their families. The Guidance address skill-building drills and team-based practices as described in the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Guidance on Youth Sports](#).

This guidance document does not apply to professional sports activities or US national team activities.

High school sporting activities under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) must abide by NJSIAA protocols, which shall consider NJDOH guidance. Per Executive Order No. 149 (2020), NJSIAA activities may not resume before June 30, 2020.

As a reminder, youth sports summer camps that are permitted to open on or after July 6, 2020, must follow all applicable summer camp guidance, available [here](#), in addition to these Standards for Sports Activities.

As of June 22, 2020:

Inter-team games, scrimmages, and tournaments are permitted for low-risk sports, such as golf and individual running events (a more complete list is available below).

Contact sports, which are defined as any sports categorized as medium or high risk (a more complete list is available below), must limit activities exclusively to no-contact drills, practices, and simulations of game situations as of June 22. By July 6, it is anticipated that traditional practices and competitions will be able to resume for medium-risk sports, such as baseball, softball, basketball, and soccer, and by July 20, it is anticipated that competitions will be able to resume for high-risk sports, such as football.

The public health data on which this document is based can and do change frequently. Organizers should check back frequently for updates. NJDOH also encourages organizers to keep informed of guidance from the CDC, which may change regularly.

Sports program operators must abide by the following timeline:

<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Examples</u>	<u>Important Dates</u>
High Risk - Sports that involve close, sustained	Rugby, boxing, judo, karate, taekwondo, wrestling, pair figure skating, football, group dance, group cheer.	No-contact practices: June 22



contact between participants		Contact practices and competitions: July 20
Medium Risk - Sports that involve some close, sustained contact, but with protective equipment in place between participants OR intermittent close contact OR group sports OR sports that use equipment that cannot be cleaned between participants.	Lacrosse, hockey, multi-person rowing, multi-person kayaking, multi-person canoeing, water polo, swimming relays, fencing, cycling in a group, running in a close group, group sailing, volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball/softball, short track.	No-contact practices: June 22 Contact practices and competitions: July 6
Low Risk - Sports that can be done individually, do not involve person-to-person contact and do not routinely entail individuals interacting within six feet of one another	Archery, shooting/clay target, individual running events, individual cycling events, individual swimming, individual rowing, individual diving, equestrian jumping or dressage, golf, individual sailing, weightlifting, skiing, snowboarding, tennis, individual dance, pole vault, high jump, long jump, marathon, triathlon, cross country, track and field, disc golf, badminton.	Practices and competitions: June 22

Guidance for Operations

Outdoor Sports and Athletic Facilities Organizations, businesses, schools, and government entities that operate outdoor sports facilities, such as athletic fields, courts and other playing surfaces, outdoor pools, and sailing and boating facilities that are permitted to reopen their premises and facilities to adult sports and supervised youth sport leagues, summer sports camps, and other athletic activities should follow the safety measures outlined below. As a reminder, municipalities retain the discretion to open or close municipal fields or facilities.

1. Preparing a Sports Program for Practices

- a. Each sports program shall create a plan (“program preparation plan”) to ensure the following:
 - i. Identify adult staff members or volunteers to help remind coaches, players and staff of social distancing. Use of signs, tapes or physical barriers can be used to assist with guiding social distancing requirements.
 - ii. Within the program, consider creating consistent groups of the same staff, volunteers, and athletes, and avoid mixing between groups.



- iii. Individuals shall remain 6 feet apart from one another whenever impossible. This applies to athletes, coaching staff, parents/guardians, and other spectators.
- iv. Coaching staff and parents/guardians should wear cloth face coverings. Athletes are also encouraged to wear cloth or disposable face coverings when not engaging in vigorous activity, such as when sitting on the bench, when interacting with an athletic trainer, etc. Face coverings should **not** be worn by staff or athletes when engaging in high intensity aerobic or anaerobic workouts or while in the water, or where doing so would inhibit the individual's health.
- v. Create staggered schedules to limit contact between groups and/or players.
- vi. All staff should be educated on COVID-19 health and safety protocols prior to the resumption of athletic activities, including:
 1. Revised practice rules and regulations in place during COVID-19;
 2. The importance of staying home when experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or residing with someone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19;
 3. Social distancing and face coverings;
 4. Proper hand hygiene;
 5. How to address a situation in which an athlete presents with symptoms of COVID-19; and
 6. How do address situations in which social distancing or other necessary requirements are challenged by athletes or parents/guardians/visitors.
- vii. Educate athletes and coaching staff about when they should stay home and when they can return to activity.
 1. Actively encourage sick staff, families, and players to stay home. Develop policies that encourage sick employees to stay at home without fear of reprisal, and ensure employees are aware of these policies.
 2. [Individuals, including coaches, players, and families, should stay home](#) if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 [symptoms](#).
 3. Individuals, including coaches, players, and families, who have recently had a [close contact](#) with a person with COVID-19 should also [stay home and monitor their health](#).
 4. Immediately separate coaches, staff, officials, and athletes with COVID-19 symptoms at any sports activity. Individuals who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms should be separated and sent home as well, and follow [CDC guidance for community-related exposure](#).
 5. Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick to their home or to a healthcare facility.
- viii. All athletes, coaches, and staff should bring their own water and drinks to practice activities. Team water coolers for sharing through disposable cups should not be permitted
- ix. Encourage athletes to use their own equipment to the extent possible.



- x. Discourage sharing of equipment as much as possible. If equipment is shared, coaching staff should be aware of the sanitation procedures for team equipment (balls, bats, etc.) and sufficient disinfecting wipes or similar products should be made available. Consult CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection.
- xi. Discourage use of locker rooms or facility showers. If facility showers need to be used, only allow shower and locker room use if there are partitions or signage in place to ensure that athletes maintain proper physical distancing of 6 feet.
- b. Communicate applicable details of the plan to parents/guardians and/or participants before commencing practices.
- c. Organizers should further consult and implement, as appropriate, recommendations listed in the CDC guidance regarding assessing risk, promoting healthy behaviors, and maintaining a healthy environment during youth sports.

2. Preparing a Facility for Sports Practices

- a. Each facility that will be used for practices should ensure:
 - i. Signage posted in highly visible locations with reminders regarding social distancing protocols, face covering requirements, and good hygiene practices (e.g., hand hygiene, covering coughs);
 - ii. Reduced crowding and proper social distancing around entrances, exits, and other high-traffic areas of the facility;
 - iii. Routine and frequent sanitization and disinfecting, particularly of high-touch surfaces in accordance with CDC recommendations;
 - iv. Limit occupancy in restrooms that remain open to avoid over-crowding, maintain social distancing through signage and, where practicable, utilize attendants to monitor capacity; and
 - v. Have hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or other sanitizing materials readily available at entrances, exits, benches, dugouts, and any other area prone to gathering or high traffic.

On any given field or space, there must be sufficient space between designated groups to prevent any interaction between the groups.

3. Conducting Sports Practices

- a. Coaches, staff, visitors and athletes will be required to abide by the gatherings limitations outlined in Executive Order No. 152 (2020), or the Order in effect at the time of competition.
- b. Screen athletes, coaches, staff and others participating in practice sessions, via temperature check and health questionnaire, at the beginning of each session. Players, coaches, staff, and volunteers showing symptoms of COVID-19 shall not be permitted to participate. If any individual develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the activity, they



should promptly inform organizers and must be removed from the activity and instructed to return home.

- c. Limit practice activities to those that do not involve person-to-person contact between athletes and/or coaching staff. For example, focus on individual skill-building activities.
- d. Adhere to precautions outlined in the program preparation plan.
- e. Ensure that athletes and coaches adhere to social distancing while not actively involved in practice activities (on the bench, in the dugout, etc.). Consider assigning coaching staff to monitor sideline social distancing.
- f. If any equipment is provided by the operator, operators must minimize equipment sharing and clean and disinfect shared equipment at the end of a practice session using a product from the list of disinfectants meeting EPA criteria for use against the novel coronavirus. Do not permit athletes to share food, beverages, water bottles, towels, pinnies, gloves, helmets or any other equipment or materials that is involved in direct bodily contact.
- g. Consider dividing larger teams into smaller groups and staggering practices at different times or across different days.
- h. Limit any nonessential visitors, spectators, staff, volunteers, vendors, members of the media, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible. Visitors and spectators should wear face coverings at all times, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or the individual is under the age of two.
- i. Operators are encouraged to mark off spectator/chaperone viewing sites to allow for social distancing. Visitors showing symptoms of COVID-19 shall not be permitted to attend.
- j. Restrict spitting, handshakes, high-fives, team huddles, and any other close-contacting activities.

4. Preparing for games and tournaments

Competitions, tournaments, and other activities or events that involve interaction between athletes from the same team or between teams carry [significant risks](#) that operators, towns, coaches, parents and others should carefully consider before proceeding. If participating in or organizing a competition:

- a. Follow protocols listed above under "conducting sports practices."
- b. When competitions are permitted, based on the dates outlined in the chart above, coaches, staff, visitors and athletes will be required to abide by the gatherings limitations outlined in Executive Order No. 152 (2020), or the Order in effect at the time of competition. It is anticipated that the permissible number will increase to 250 on June 22 and 500 people on July 3 if the downward trends in the state's COVID-19 outbreak continues.
- c. Concession stands should meet the requirements for outdoor dining outlined in Executive Order No. 150 (2020) and Department of Health Executive Directive No. 20-014.



- d. Consider social distancing requirements when scheduling contests and events. Social distancing will need to be maintained on buses/vans. Thus, multiple buses/vans and/or individual parent/guardian transportation will likely be required. Games should be scheduled at intervals that allow for proper sanitation of facilities and equipment following each game.

Additional notes:

Programs that are governed by formal league rules or other binding agreements or affiliations should comply with any COVID-19 and other health and safety rules applicable under those authorities but must abide by the timeline regarding permitted practice activities and competition dates.