

## ***West Boylston Board of Parks Commissioners Rules and Regulations***

1. Opening and closing of the parks will be announced by the West Boylston Board of Parks Commissioners (“the Board”).
2. Any person, group, league or organization requesting permission to use any parks facilities must fill out and return a facility use request form to the Board. Forms are available on-line, at the Town Clerk’s Office, and the Police Department. Play/use cannot commence prior to approval being granted.
3. All organizations using facilities under the control of the Board must provide proof of liability insurance, which protects the Town of West Boylston in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Organizations must provide a copy of the certificate of insurance for their organization and must list the Town of West Boylston as an additional insured.
4. West Boylston residents have priority use of fields, courts and facilities over non-West Boylston residents, unless the Parks Commission has granted a permit.
5. Non-permitted individuals must immediately relinquish field use to those with permits.
6. You may not transfer your permitted field or facility time to another user without prior approval of the Board.
7. West Boylston School Department must request field use, but has priority of fields and courts over non-school groups. West Boylston School games that go into extra innings, extra sets, or overtime supersede other permitted users with overlapping use times.
8. Fields are not to be used during or soon after a drenching rain or snow. If substantial damage to field is being witnessed during a game or match, play shall suspend immediately until a member of the Board grants permission to resume.
9. Fields will not be scheduled 100% of the time. Down time will be determined at the discretion of the Board to allow fields to rehabilitate.
10. All play shall cease immediately and all players, coaches and spectators shall leave fields and courts for cover when there are signs of lightning in the area. Play may only resume after signs of lightning have ceased in the area. For further information, please see:
  - <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>
  - <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/programs/asap/lightning.htm>
13. Baseball/Softball teams must rake/level home plate and mound areas upon completion of all games/practices. No hitting of hardballs against fencing allowed.
14. Please take with you or discard all trash in provided trash barrels before you depart. Encourage your players and spectators to do the same.
15. Any changes or enhancements to fields, courts or facilities must have prior approval of the Board and DPW.
16. No Alcohol is permitted on any fields or commons unless expressly approved by written permit from the Board. In addition, authorized individuals must obtain approval from the West Boylston Board of Selectmen to have alcohol at any event in town.
17. Any request for maintenance must be made to the Board and DPW by sending the request to the Parks Commission email at [parkskom@westboylston-ma.gov](mailto:parkskom@westboylston-ma.gov), and by submitting a DPW service request on the DPW webpage of the town website. Any unsafe condition should be reported immediately to the Parks Commission, Department of Public Works and the Town Administrators Office.

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18. Request for the use of facilities controlled by the Board should be completed at least two weeks in advance of the anticipated date of use. Completed forms must be signed by the authorized individual, who accepts responsibility for the actions of the group using the facility. Multiple use dates may be listed on the request form. A decision on use will be made by the Board at its next scheduled meeting and a confirmation will be sent to the authorized individual.

The Board reserves the right to determine what uses of the facilities are in the interest of the town. To require specified supervision of any activity or event and specifically reserves the right to accept, reject, or cancel, any facilities user's privilege to use.

**Restrictions:**

1. All posted rules and regulations apply to the use of any facility.
2. Approval privilege shall be cancelled if West Boylston School functions require the use of the facility or if vandalism or abuse results from use.
3. Groups of fifty (50) or more must provide for Police protection at own expense unless excused by the Chief of Police.
4. The area and time of use is limited to the sections specified on the request form.
5. Damage traceable to user will be repaired by the town and billed to the user and the organization.
6. The organization using the facility is responsible for cleaning up the area of use when the permitted use is completed.

Questions regarding filed use and appropriate activities will be referred to the board. Use conflicts will be referred to the board.

### ***Additional Pride Park Rules***

1. Pride Park is for use of West Boylston residents and students only.
2. The main playground is reserved for student use on school days between 10:00 AM and 2:45 PM.
3. Children must be supervised at all times.
4. Playground equipment is to be used by those of appropriate age or ability as indicated.
5. No skateboards, bicycles, roller-blades, or roller-skates allowed.
6. No pets allowed.
7. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
8. Please keep food in the picnic area. Use trash receptacles.
9. Pride Park closes at dusk.

### ***Additional Tennis Court, Basketball Court and Track Rules***

1. The Tennis and Basketball Courts are open daily at 7:00 AM, weather permitting, from April through October. The courts are lighted for night play and will be closed when the lights turn off each evening. Court closing times will vary and will be at the discretion of the Board.
2. The Town of West Boylston Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts are for the use of the residents of the Town of West Boylston and non-resident invited guests. Non-resident invited guests are limited to a maximum of (3) three per resident. Non-resident invited guests are allowed to play with their West Boylston resident host only.
3. The Goodale Park and Woodland Park Tennis and Basketball courts are strictly for the use in which they are intended. Any other use of the tennis courts and basketball courts, for other than tennis and basketball, is strictly prohibited, unless approved in advance by the Board.
4. Prohibited Activities on Courts: No Skateboarding, No Bicycling, No Riding of Scooters, No Roller Skating, No Ice Skating and or Inline Skating, No Rollerblading, No playing of Street Hockey, No playing of Stick Ball, No playing of Baseball, No dogs, No animals of any kind and No vehicles (motorized or not) of any kind.
5. The courts may be used on a first come, first serve basis except when the Board sponsors programs, tournaments, matches, issues a Facilities Use Permit or closes the courts for upkeep.

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6. For Profit, Private, Public Instruction and/ or Tournament play not sponsored or permitted by the Board is strictly prohibited.
7. Players and spectators are expected to behave in a courteous manner at all times. Arguing, shouting, verbal or physical threats, or any other form of disruptive or intimidating behavior shall not be tolerated.
8. When all tennis courts are in use and others are waiting to play, singles play must be limited to (1) one hour and doubles to (1½) one and one half hours in total. The court should then be offered to those having waited the longest. When all basketball courts are in use and others are waiting to play, play must be limited to (1) one hour in total. The court should then be offered to those having waited the longest.
9. In general, players are expected to do their part to keep the courts and sideline areas in good condition and free of debris. Please use the trash barrel for any and all garbage. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Please do not disrupt play by walking across the court being used, or by making any unnecessary noise.
10. Anyone found to be in violation of these policies will be asked to leave the courts immediately, and may, at the discretion of the Board, prohibit the violator's use of the Tennis and Basketball Courts.
11. Residents and non-resident invited guests must yield play to those parties who are in possession of a current Facilities Use Permit, dated for a particular date and time or dates and times, from the Board. A Facilities Use Permit takes precedence over Resident use.
12. The operation of a stereo system, bullhorn, radio, loudspeaker or amplifier, or otherwise create noise, at a level that could reasonably be expected to disturb other persons in or around any public park or playground is prohibited unless approved in writing by the Board.
13. The Board reserves the right to modify, amend or make changes to these rules and regulations as necessary and in accordance with the by-laws of the Town of West Boylston.
15. Only tennis shoes or sneakers (soft rubber soles with no heels or treads) are to be worn on the courts. The wearing of cleats on the courts is strictly prohibited.
16. Please pickup all trash and dispose of it properly.
17. The Board reserves the right to close the courts for upkeep, repairs, or when conditions are unfavorable for play.
18. The track is to be used for running and walking only; biking, skateboarding; roller-skating and roller-blading are not permitted on the track.

**Failure to comply with any of the Rules & Regulations established by the Board could result in suspension and/or revocation of your right or your league's/group's right to use Parks Facilities in the future.**