City of Newark

Park Rules And Regulations

NEWARK
DELAWARE
PARKS AND RECREATION

Article VII. Parks And Recreation

Rules and Regulations for the use of parks
owned by the City of Newark (Sec. 2-71)

A. In any park owned or operated by the City of Newark, no person shall cut, break, move, take, or otherwise injure, destroy, or deface any trees, shrubs, plants, turf, rock, or any building, fence, bridge, sign, or other structure, nor foul any spring or stream, nor shall any person dump any earth, rubbish, or other substance or material in or upon any park without written permission of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

B. The sale, consumption, or possession of intoxicating liquors or beverages and dangerous or narcotic drugs, or gambling of any kind is prohibited in any park.

C. No Person shall make or kindle any open fire in any City of Newark park.

D. No Person shall, in any park, set a trap or snare, or shoot, injure, annoy, disturb, or poison any wild animal or bird, or injure or destroy any nest except as may be necessary by the Animal Control Officer of the Newark Police Department in the performance of his official duties.

E. All persons are forbidden to use threatening, abusive, insulting, or indecent language, or commit any obscene or indecent act or to fight in any park.

F. No person shall ride in or drive any motor vehicle which is self-propelled upon any park land except upon the roads. It is prohibited for any person to commit an act by use or operation of any motor vehicle on park land, which, if committed upon a public highway or street in the State of Delaware, would be prohibited and unlawful. Speed limits within all parks shall be 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

No one shall test or repair any vehicle or mechanical device in any park.

There shall be no parking at any time except in areas designated for such purposes. Parking in parking lots is limited to users of the parks and during the hours of operation. Violators will be towed at their own expense.

G. No person shall, without written permission of the Department of Parks and Recreation, erect, paint, paste, or otherwise affix or distribute any signs, advertisements, or circulars on park property. The solicitation of funds or donations within any park is forbidden except upon written permission of the Department of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

No person shall expose or offer for sale any article or thing, nor shall any person station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale, or display of any such article or thing in any park without written permission of the the Department of Parks and Recreation.

H. Horses, cattle, livestock, and domestic animals of any kind are prohibited in any park, except that a dog or cat on a leash, under the control of a person, is permitted.

I. Practicing, playing, or using park areas for golf or archery is prohibited.

J. No person shall have in his/her possession a knife having a blade of three inches or longer in length, a BB gun, air rifle, pistol, pellet gun, firearm, bow and arrow, or any other type of lethal weapon in any park. These prohibitions do not apply to programs conducted or sanctioned by the City of Newark.

K. Swimming is prohibited in all parks except in facilities expressly designated for that purpose. Swimming is permitted only during park hours with lifeguard service provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Authorized lifeguards shall have the authority to enforce and expel any or all persons violating any safety rules posted at the swimming facilities. Animals within any swimming area are prohibited.

L. Permits for playing league or casual athletic games on park fields or courts may be secured on a first-come, first-serve basis from the Department of Parks and Recreation. All permits that are granted must be produced upon demand in order to avoid conflicts in the use of the facilities.

M. No Person or group may utilize any park area or facility for the purpose of teaching an individual or group any recreational skill for personal profit or financial gain without written permission of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

N. No persons are permitted in any park during the hours of darkness, except in those designated for extended use activities, or unless written permission is obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

O. The City Manager, or his designee, may temporarily close or curtail activities upon any lands or waters, or any portions thereof, when it has been deemed necessary to be in the best interest of public safety, conduct, health, or order.

P. No entertainment, demonstrations, exhibition, or tournament shall be given in any park except under the supervision of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Q. Tennis courts are provided for the utilization of City of Newark residents only (defined as members of families owning property and/or renting, or leasing with a written lease property within the corporate limits of Newark or families of those eligible to vote in Newark municipal elections).

Tennis courts may be utilized on a first-come, first-serve basis providing proper identification of city residency is in the possession of the individuals utilizing tennis courts. Proof of residency must be produced to authorized city officials.

Tennis courts shall be relinquished after one full hour of play when others are waiting.

Non-resident guests are permitted to use City of Newark tennis courts on a one guest to one resident basis. Except for the aforementioned guest privelige, under no circumstances shall nonresidents be permitted to utilize city tennis courts.

Any person using City of Newark tennis courts shall be deemed to have read and understood the rules and regulations and agree to follow the letter ans spirit of said rules and regulations.

R. No person or persons shall willingly encroach upon lands administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

S. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or erect any building or structure of any kind, whether permanent or temporary , or run or string any utility into, upon, or across any park without written permission of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

T. All of the aforementioned rules requiring written permission require that such permits must be carried and produced upon demand.

U. The City of Newark Police and the employees of the Department of Parks and Recreation are authorized to enforce these rules and regulations and prosecute violators thereof.

Penalty for violation of rules and regulations. (Sec. 2-72)

Any person violating any of these rules and regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than $25.00 or more than $50.00 for the first offense, and not less than $50.00 or more than $100.00 for each subsequent offense. Each Violation shall be a separate offense.

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