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Last spring was tremendously affected by COVID and the resultant restrictions, prohibitions and quarantines. One thing that was lost last spring was the formal introduction and commencement of the usage of our newly installed turf field. Although it was used in accordance with health department recommendations last year, it has seen a tremendous increase in use so far this spring.

The turf fields and all other fields/parks in the town are Borough Fields which means they ultimately belong to the residents. Rules and policies are put in place not only to protect the fields but also everyone that uses them.

The intent of these rules and regulations is to preserve the quality of all of our facilities and the integrity of the synthetic turf field site for the enjoyment, safety and well-being of all. The Borough Ordinances outline the intended use of the fields and lists activities and other items that are prohibited. Please note that there are consequences in the form of fines or possible removal from the fields with suspension of future use if the articles of the Code Book are violated.

Public usage and “pick-up” type activities are always encouraged as we try to promote an active and fit lifestyle in town. Field space, however, remains limited in the borough and usage by organized groups requesting exclusive use, such as PAL Sports or any other group is done by obtaining a permit. The permit application is reviewed by the Recreation Department for availability and proper insurance and other requirements. If a permit is approved by the Borough, the permit holder has the primary right to field access and non-permitted teams and individuals must vacate the fields for the time specified on the permit. Organized use includes professional trainers who charge a fee from individuals and use the town’s fields. This type of use requires submission of an application, required paperwork and proof of insurance before the permit may be issued.

There are several signs on Borough Fields with reminders. Alcohol, smoking and vaping are prohibited on all Borough Fields. Please keep the following rules/policies in mind specifically regarding the turf fields.

- Organized use of the facilities is prohibited without an approved permit.
- NO dogs, pets or other animals are permitted.
- NO food, gums, or tobacco products.
- **NO alcohol.**
- NO sunflower seeds.
- NO flavored drinks. Water is the only beverage permitted on the turf fields.
- NO Glass bottles or other glass containers.
- NO bikes, strollers, or other motorized vehicles including but not limited to scooters, drones, remote controlled cars, etc...
- NO metal cleats.
- NO equipment with sharp or metal legs.
- NO flags, shade structures or tents with stakes.
- Tables, chairs & benches with a *sled base* are permitted.
- NO kicking or bouncing balls against the fence or any other structure, (other than the wall-ball).

The beautiful Spring weather has brought more people to the turf field, all other fields and our playgrounds. We need to remind everyone that this is your town, your field, and your playground and we would like you to treat it with respect.

Garbage also has been an issue and our DPW and Recreation Staff attempts to pick up trash 2x a day. There are several garbage and recycling cans on the fields and playgrounds. If you bring items that create trash please be sure to take it with you when you leave.

We have had a few parents of young children that have expressed their sadness that they need to remove their toddlers from the playground due to the fact that teenagers have taken over with inappropriate language and loud music. Please educate yourself and your family about the importance of assisting the town in protecting the new facility.

I am hopeful that following the posted rules and regulations along with practicing “good neighbor” policies such as no swearing, consideration of others around you and cleaning up after yourself will allow the safe, most enjoyable use of all of borough facilities for everyone in town.

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