

EXISTING REGULATIONS

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<p>SECTION 16-107 Smithfield Township Park Rules and Regulations.</p> <p><u>1.</u> The sports fields are maintained by Smithfield Township for recreation and the enjoyment of its residents. Use of these fields must be in accordance with the following rules and regulations. Fees for use of park facilities may be assessed at certain times by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p><u>2.</u> Penalties for violations of one or more of these rules and regulations are set forth.</p> <p><u>A.</u> Parks and recreation areas shall be open during daylight hours only unless special arrangements have been established with the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p><u>B.</u> Parking is allowed in designated areas only. Also parking of licensed vehicles shall be in accordance with the Smithfield Township Code, Chapter <u>15</u>, as amended. No unlicensed vehicles are allowed in or on Township parks and recreational areas.</p> <p><u>C.</u> Sports fields must be assigned a group leader when they are used by a group. Assigned groups have priority on sports fields.</p> <p><u>D.</u> Only one game at a time shall permitted on a sports field.</p> <p><u>E.</u> Sports field/fields are open to the public when not assigned.</p> <p><u>F.</u> No vehicles are allowed on sports field/fields at any time except for mowing and maintenance.</p> <p><u>G.</u> Group leaders are personally responsible for the control and behavior of their respective group/groups.</p> <p><u>H.</u> All groups and individuals will collect all litter after use of the field or fields.</p> <p><u>I.</u> All pets are to be kept on a leash at all times, and pet owners shall be responsible for cleaning up after their pets.</p> <p><u>J.</u> No alcoholic beverages are allowed on or in any Township park or recreational area.</p> <p><u>K.</u> No horses are allowed in any of the Township parks and recreational areas.</p> <p><u>L.</u> No snowmobiles or ATVs are allowed in any of the Township parks and recreational areas.</p> <p><u>M.</u> No hunting or target practice is allowed in any of the Township parks and recreational areas.</p> <p><u>N.</u> No fires are allowed in any Township parks or recreation areas without special permission of the Township Supervisors. The exception shall be for cooking on charcoal or gas grills.</p> <p><u>O.</u> Digging or intentionally searching or scavenging for any artifact, collectible, or other item of value by any means in any of Smithfield Township's parks and recreation areas is prohibited. Any artifact,</p>	<p>SECTION 16-107 Smithfield Township Park Rules and Regulations</p> <p>1. The sports fields and parks are maintained by Smithfield Township for recreation and the enjoyment of the public. Use of these fields and parks must be in accordance with the following rules and regulations. Fees for use of park facilities may be assessed at certain times by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>2. Penalties for violations of one or more of these rules and regulations are set forth.</p> <p>A. Parks and recreation areas shall be open during daylight hours only unless special arrangements have been established with the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>B. Vehicles parked after the closing hours of any park, conservation area, or recreation area are prohibited, except for those operated by duly authorized Department or Township employees, emergency services personnel performing official duties, or individuals operating a vehicle in accordance with a valid Township-issued permit.</p> <p>Vehicles parked or left unattended in violation of this section are hereby declared a nuisance and may be impounded in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 et seq., or any similar law authorizing impoundment with or without citation and without prior notice to the owner.</p> <p>C. Parking is allowed in designated areas only. Also parking of licensed vehicles shall be in accordance with the Smithfield Township Code, Chapter 15, as amended. No unlicensed vehicles are allowed in or on Township parks and recreational areas.</p> <p>D. Sports fields must be assigned a group leader when they are used by a group. Assigned groups have priority on sports fields.</p> <p>E. Only one game at a time shall permitted on a sports field.</p> <p>F. Sports field/fields are open to the public when not assigned.</p> <p>G. No vehicles are allowed on sports field/fields at any time except for mowing and maintenance.</p> <p>H. Group leaders are personally responsible for the control and behavior of their respective group/groups.</p> <p>I. All groups and individuals will collect all litter after use of the field or fields.</p> <p>J. All pets are to be kept on a leash at all times, and pet owners shall be responsible for cleaning up after their pets.</p> <p>K. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on or in any Township park or recreational area.</p>
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<p>collectible, or other item of value found in any of the Township parks and recreational areas shall not be removed, and the Township office shall be notified immediately of the find. Any inquiries regarding lost artifacts, collectibles or other items of value shall be made to the Township Office or to the Smithfield Township Park Commission.</p> <p><u>P.</u></p> <p>In addition to any of the penalties set forth in § 16-108 of this Part, any infraction of the above rules and regulations will be cause for the Township Supervisors to automatically suspend privileges of any offending individual, group or group leader for the entire season.</p>	<p>L. No horses are allowed in any of the Township parks and recreational areas.</p> <p>M. No snowmobiles or ATVs are allowed in any of the Township parks and recreational areas; and operation of Drones is prohibited.</p> <p>N. Hunting or trapping of live animals, including reptiles or capturing, harassment, injuring, or killing of wildlife is prohibited in any of the Township parks and recreational areas. No target practice is allowed in any of the Township parks and recreational areas.</p> <p>O. No fires are allowed in any Township parks or recreation areas without special permission of the Township Supervisors. The exception shall be for cooking on charcoal, wood, or gas grills.</p> <p>P. Carrying or discharging of firecrackers, fireworks, or similar propelling explosives is prohibited.</p> <p>Q. Digging or intentionally searching or scavenging for any artifact, collectible, or other item of value by any means in any of Smithfield Township's parks and recreation areas is prohibited. Any artifact, collectible, or other item of value found in any of the Township parks and recreational areas shall not be removed, and the Township office shall be notified immediately of the find. Any inquiries regarding lost artifacts, collectibles or other items of value shall be made to the Township Office or to the Smithfield Township Park Commission.</p> <p>R. It shall be prohibited to damage, deface, write on, carve on, destroy, move, or otherwise alter any Township-owned property, including but not limited to vegetation, turf, signs, buildings, bridges, benches, structures, lighting, fixtures, equipment, or any other material belonging to the Township. Climbing on fencing, backstops, goals, or similar structures is also prohibited.</p> <p>S. In addition to any of the penalties set forth in § 16-_____ of this Part, any infraction of the above rules and regulations will be cause for the Township Supervisors to automatically suspend privileges of any offending individual, group or group leader for the entire season.</p> <p>§ 16-108 Additional Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>The Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, adopt by resolution such additional rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper operation, management, and conduct of Township parks and recreational facilities.</p> <p>§ 16-109 Discrimination prohibited.</p> <p><u>A.</u></p> <p>It is the policy of the Township, in the exercise of its police powers for the protection of the public health, safety and general welfare and for the maintenance of peace and good government, to assure equal opportunity for full enjoyment and use of park facilities to all persons, free from restrictions because of race, color, sex, marital status, political ideology or affiliation, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin or disability as defined by state or federal law.</p> <p><u>B.</u></p>
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<p>§ 16-108Penalties. [Ord. 117, 2/26/1991; as amended by Ord. 128, 4/26/1994; by Ord. 141, 4/28/1998; and by Ord. 160, 6/25/2002] Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, or who violates or who fails or refuses to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Township Supervisors shall, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.</p>	<p>Nothing in this section shall prohibit the exercise of constitutional liberties or the use of a bona fide qualification or restriction that does not infringe upon civil rights or civil liberties recognized by federal or state law or Township ordinance.</p> <p>16-110 Penalties</p> <p><u>1.</u> Any person who violates the above rules and regulations shall be subject to immediate eviction from park, conservation, and recreational areas owned and/or operated by the Township, to be enforced by all Pennsylvania State Constables, Township-appointed or hired security personnel, and other authorized Township personnel.</p> <p><u>2.</u> Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, or who violates or who fails or refuses to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Township Supervisors shall, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine as follows:</p> <p><u>(1)</u> For a first offense, the sum of \$300 plus costs.</p> <p><u>(2)</u> For a second offense, the sum of \$600 plus costs.</p> <p><u>(3)</u> For all subsequent offenses, the sum of \$1,000 plus costs.</p> <p>In default of payment of said fine or penalty, such person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.</p>