

## **Rancho Murieta Association Sports Field Use Policy and User Fees**

The purpose of establishing a Sports Field Use policy is to ensure the longevity of our sports fields and the opportunity for residents to enjoy the recreational activities the sports field provides. It establishes field use priority and usage fee.

The Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) recognizes the importance of providing high-quality sports fields for youth and adult resident use. Organized youth sports leagues bring value to our community by providing many opportunities for young people, families, and adults.

Article VI, Section 1 – Use and Enjoyment of Common Areas - of the By-Laws states the following: “Each Member and the members of his or her family shall be entitled to the use and enjoyment of all common areas, roads, and recreational facilities within Rancho Murieta except as stated in Article II, section 2(b) of the Declaration and shall be subject to regulations regarding their use to avoid an overburdening of such facilities. Without limiting the preceding, it is expressly noted that the Declaration authorizes the Board to adopt a schedule of fees or an amenity access pass system to regulate the use of common facilities. (see CC&Rs, Article VIII, section 4.)

### **Field Use Priority**

Priority use of fields will be allocated as follows:

#### **Category 1**

RMA sponsored or co-sponsored events.

#### **Category 2**

Resident non-profit youth or adult recreational sports organizations that conduct open registration regardless of skill level require minimum playing time requirements, maintain a National affiliation and follow a National alliance for youth or adult sports or equivalent program.

#### **\*Category 3**

Sports organizations not affiliated with a recognized national governing body and plays tournaments or travel ball must be comprised of at least 51% RMA residents. Teams in Category 3 must comply with the terms contained in the definition of private sports clubs attached as Addendum 1 to the Field Use Agreement. Category 3 teams are limited to practices only as RMA cannot ensure that non-affiliated teams are insured.

### **Transition Period**

\*Those who do not meet the 51% minimum requirement through June 30, 2022, have the option of paying \$100 per hour per field. This provision will be removed from this policy on July 1, 2022.

The Riverview Park sports field is reserved for recreational use by residents on Sundays, not meeting as part of an organized team, league, or group.

RMA will deny any requests for a Field Use Agreement that duplicate an existing sports league that offers all levels of play.

### **Youth and Adult Sport Leagues Fees for Category 2 and Category 3 Teams**

- \$1.50 fee per hour per field will be used to calculate the annual contract rate. No refund for field use time lost due to weather or special events coordinated between RMA and the Leagues will be given.
- \$10 fee for each non-resident participant under 18 years of age and \$25 for non-residents 18 years and older.
- An hourly fee increase will be reviewed annually.
- Any group requesting a credit towards future field use contracts for field improvement must submit the proposed project and credit amount in advance to the RMA Board of Directors for approval.
- Category 3 Rates
  - Field use rates will be \$50 per hour per field for baseball/softball organizations and \$100 per hour for the soccer and Summerfest fields.
  - For category 3 organizations that exceed 90% local player participation rate, the field use rate is \$3.00 per hour per field
- Category 3 Rosters
  - Rosters will consist of active, age-appropriate players who will pay the seasonal registration fee.
  - Alumni players will not be included in roster computations.

Cosumnes River Little League (CRL) is exempt from paying field use fees in exchange for enhancements to the Stonehouse Sports Complex at no cost to the RMA. The credit for these enhancements will expire in 2044. However, the \$10 non-resident fee will be collected annually starting in 2020.

### **Use of Facilities**

All sports teams are responsible for dragging and chalking of fields. All trash must be collected and disposed of properly after each game. Sports teams are responsible for damage to the fields outside normal wear and tear. RMA's facilities are intended for use by RMA resident teams. Play between two non-resident teams is prohibited unless prior approval is received from the RMA Board of Directors. Disagreements between different sport groups should first be mediated between the groups before being presented to RMA.

### **Contracts**

- A contract with RMA must be in place before scheduled sports field use time is permitted.
- The contracted sports team will be responsible for all field use during contracted time.
- Leagues may only use RMA sports fields during contracted times. Using sports fields outside of contracted time may result in cancellation of contract and forfeiture of all fees paid.
- Contracts submitted to RMA must include your proof of insurance and team roster or list of players once known.
- Prior Year contracts will have priority for the coming year where applicable.

### **Additional Submittals for Category 3 Teams**

- Copy of Article of Incorporation, Board roster with names and contact information for

- President, Vice President, and Treasurer.
- Copies of Annual Live Scan for all coaches and managers.
- Submissions of concussion training certificates for all coaches and managers.

All coaches/managers and players must sign a code of conduct which outlines appropriate behavior.

### **Addendum 1 – Private Sports Clubs**

Elk Grove Soccer, Cosumnes River Little League, and Pleasant Grove Lacrosse are considered community groups as they are open to all RMA members, regardless of physical or cognitive ability or financial status. Rancho Murieta community groups also function primarily for the benefit of RMA members and are not-for-profit groups. These community groups have priority over private sports clubs.

Private sports clubs are sports teams whose roster comprises at least 51% RMA residents and may be selective when determining who will be on the team. Private sports clubs function primarily for its own members, and not primarily for the benefit of RMA members. However, private sports clubs must be not-for-profit groups and be registered as a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation with the California Secretary of State. In addition to the above, private sports clubs wishing to contract with RMA for field use, must provide the following:

1. Complete team rosters including addresses of players.
2. Sports league liability insurance policy with RMA named as an additional insured providing \$1,000,000 general liability, \$1,000,000 damage to rented premises, \$25,000 medical payments for participants, \$1,000,000 each occurrence for sexual abuse or sexual molestation liability.
3. Articles of Incorporation, Board roster with names and contact information for President, Vice President and Treasurer.
4. Copies of annual Live Scan for all coaches and managers.
5. Submission of concussion training certificates for all coaches and managers.

In addition to the above submittals, Private Sports Clubs must adhere to the following:

1. All coaches/managers and players must sign a code of conduct which outlines appropriate behavior.
2. Alcohol, drug, and tobacco consumption is prohibited at all practices.
3. All Managers and coaches are required to attend annual field maintenance workshops presented by RMA.
4. Private sports clubs must provide their own equipment. Use of equipment belonging to community groups without permission is prohibited. Storage of the equipment is to be off-site. Private sports clubs may only use RMA facilities during contracted times.

Use of facilities outside of the contracted times will result in cancellation of the use agreement and payment for the RMA for unauthorized field use time.

5. All field use contracts will be reviewed annually for renewal. Any conduct that portrays the RMA negatively can be grounds for non-renewal.
6. Contracted field use is limited to practices only; private sports clubs may not use RMA facilities for games against other non-RMA contracted groups.
7. Failure to provide the requested submittals or abide by the above conditions may result in non-issuance or termination of the field use contract.

### **Enforcement**

Resident's use of the sports fields regularly without an approved field use agreement for an organized team event, practice, or activity is prohibited. Violators are subject to RMA Non-Arch Rules, Rule I, Enforcement Policy, and will be subject to monetary penalties.

#### **Fee Schedule:**

- First Violation – Warning
- Second Violation – \$100
- Third Violation – \$200
- Fourth Violation – \$300
- Continued non-compliance may result in a hearing with the Board of Directors.

#### **Addendum 2 -Little League Credit**

CRLI has been given a \$293,000 credit for one-time field improvements (see attached). Based on the 2018 soccer contract amount of \$3,800 divided by 4,515 hours of field time which equals .84 per hour. CRLI contracts for 5,934 hours of field use which at .84 would be an annual fee of \$4,994. CRLI has used the fields for 23 seasons which at \$4,994 equals \$114,862 for the 23 seasons, leaving a balance of \$178,138. Using the field at the new rate of \$1.20 per hour times 5,934 hours of field use, the annual fee is \$7,120 divided into \$178,138 equals 25 years of future credit. CRLI would start paying for field use in 2044.

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