

City of Pacific Grove, California City Council Policy

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Municipal Softball Park Rules & Regulations	200-4	March 8, 1990	1 of 5

1. **General:** The Pacific Grove Municipal ballpark is dedicated to serving the softball/baseball public for recreational purposes. Preferential treatment is not to be provided to any individual or group.
2. **Operation:** The Municipal Softball Park is a facility of the City, operated under the direction of the City Manager and his designated representative, the Recreation Director.
3. **Enforcement:** The City Manager and his designated representative(s) shall be responsible for the enforcement of these rules and regulations.
4. **Violation:** Violation of any rules contained in this policy or other City Ordinances pertaining to the Municipal Softball Park shall subject the person/teams/leagues/organizations to removal or possible suspension from the park.
5. **Existing Ordinances:** The City has adopted certain rules and regulations regarding parks in the Municipal Code, attached as Appendix A. Violation of these laws is a misdemeanor (MC 1.16.010). In cases of conflict between these rules and Municipal Code provisions, the Municipal Code and the penalties set out there shall prevail.
6. **A.S.A./Official Baseball Rules:** Amateur Softball Association or the Official Baseball Rules shall govern all play in the Pacific Grove Municipal Softball Park.
7. **Liability:** The City of Pacific Grove is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of individual property. The individual or organization granted use of a facility shall be held responsible for reimbursing the City for any loss or damage to City property caused by such use. The applicant shall be required to file a certificate of insurance in an amount not less than \$1 million, naming the City of Pacific Grove as an additional insured. This certificate will be filed with the Director of Recreation at least thirty (30) days prior to the event, and must have at least ten (10) days notice of cancellation. Such insurance must and will be primary to any City insurance.
8. **Priority Classifications**
 - A. **Department Sponsored Activities:** Recreation activities and programs directly sponsored by the Recreation Department.
 - B. **Co-Sponsored Recreation Groups:** Recognized civic, community, or local organizations whose recreation activities are being presented in conjunction with the Recreation Department.
 - C. **School-Sponsored Activities:** 1) Adult or youth activities or programs sponsored by the Pacific Grove School District, or 2) activities or programs sponsored by the schools within the Pacific Grove School District area and run by the Associated Student Body.
 - D. **Community Youth Groups:** Any organized youth group having the following qualifications - is non-profit; a majority of the members are 17 years or younger and Pacific Grove residents; has voluntary adult leaders or chaperones; is recreational in nature; shall have no membership restrictions other than age and gender; has a definite organizational structure; meets regularly; its primary interest is community school-age youth.
 - E. **Community Adult Groups:** Any organized group having the following qualifications - is non-profit; a majority of the members are Pacific Grove residents; shall have no membership

restrictions other than age and gender; activities are recreational in nature; has officers and a definite organizational structure and meets regularly.

F. Resident Use - Private: Any resident youth, adult, group, or individual not covered by qualifications of any other priority grouping which meets for the purpose of private recreational activities.

G. Non-resident: Groups or organizations which are composed of non-residents of the City of Pacific Grove. Depending upon type of use, this classification may be required to meet specific requirements as deemed appropriate by the Director of Recreation.

H. Commercial Use: Groups or organizations which are, by their nature, commercial or profit-oriented.

9. Conditions of Priority Use

a) Permission for use of facilities will be granted upon the condition that all rules governing the use of said facilities will be followed. Failure to comply with these rules will be cause for the permit to be revoked.

b) The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, reassign or otherwise adjust reservations to comply with the demands of its own programs or emergency requirements.

c) A permit to use the facilities will be issued provided a) issuance will not obstruct or interfere substantially with recreational use, and b) the date and time requested have not previously been allocated by permit or assigned to a Recreation Department function.

d) The application must be completed, in person, by a qualified representative of the requesting group or party, 18 years of age or older.

e) The requesting group or party representative shall be required to post a cash deposit, applicable to the rental of the facility, as stated in the Use Fee Policy, at the time the permit is issued. Balance of the fees due must be paid three days prior to use.

f) Applications for permits may be filed up to 180 days in advance of the date requested, and at least ten days in advance of the date requested. Permits may not extend over 90 days. All requests for facilities for fund raising purposes must be filed at least 45 days in advance of the event.

g) If the nature of the event changes or if the number of the participants increases, the Recreation Department must be notified at least seven days in advance and, if necessary, fees and charges will be changed in accordance with applicable rates.

h) The premises and facilities must be restored to the condition of the permitted use, within the time specified in the permit.

i) The requesting group or party is personally responsible for all damages to the facilities being used.

j) The requesting group or party shall comply with all requirements of the Health and Safety Code, City Ordinances, Department Policies, Fire Department Policies, and any other applicable laws.

k) The Recreation Department agrees, at the established service charges, to furnish only the equipment which is regularly a part of the facility. Additional equipment is the responsibility of the group permitted use, subject to Recreation Department approval.

l) The use of facilities must be compatible with the established purposes of the recreation facility.

m) The sponsoring organization, group, or individuals must reimburse the City for all direct and incidental expenses for the use of City personnel and facility. The City has absolute discretion in determining the number of personnel that will be provided for the event.

10. Limitations of Use: The following activities are prohibited in the park - tackle football, archery, soccer, circus, rugby, lacrosse, use of firearms, golf and related golf skill activities, operation of gas or electric model airplanes, cars and rockets.

11. Local Rules and Regulations for Municipal Softball Park

A. Length of Seasons:

Adult Softball League - April to August

Youth Baseball/Softball League - March to August

Adult Socko League - September to December

B. Tournaments per Year:

Adult Softball - Four (4)

Adult Socko - Three (3)

Youth Baseball/Softball - Three (3)

C. Special Events Per Year:

With Recreation Board/Council Approval - Five (5)

D. Starting Times

Adult Softball, weekdays - 6:30, 7:45 PM

Adult Socko, weekdays - 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 PM

Weekend Starting Time - 9:30 AM

Youth Baseball/Softball - 5:00 PM

E. No alcoholic beverages, no littering, no blowing of car horns or air horns; field shall be watered prior to dragging infield. Playing field lights should be turned off immediately after completion of the last game.

APPENDIX A
CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS

14.08.010 – Unlawful acts within limits of park, golf course, or beach.

Within the limits of any public park, golf course, or beach in the city of Pacific Grove it is unlawful for any person to do any of the acts hereinafter specified:

- a) To cut, break, injure, deface, or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, rock, building, monument, bench, or other structure, apparatus or property; or to pluck, pull up, out, take or remove any shrub, bush, plant, or flower; or to mark, or write upon any building, monument, fence, bench, or other structure; or to cut or remove any wood, turf, grass, soil, rock, sand, or gravel in excess of one handful; or to dump, leave, discard or let fall any rock, sand, or gravel in excess of one handful, except that city employees in the course of their duties of maintenance of said areas shall be permitted to do any or all of the within set-out acts, and other acts prohibited by this subsection may be permitted to private individuals where the public so requires on authorization of the city manager, and except that this section shall not be construed so as to restrict the accidental damages to trees, shrubs, and turf normally incident to the playing of golf in areas designated therefore;
- b) To distribute any handbills, or circulars, or to post, place, or erect any bills, notice, paper, or advertising device or matter of any kind;
- c) To make or kindle a fire for any purpose, or to in any manner transport fire or any burning substance, except in designated picnic areas where fireplaces are provided therefor, or in such designated fireplaces to leave any fire or live coals unextinguished and unattended except that this shall not be construed as a restriction on the smoking of any cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other device for smoking nicotine compounds, provided, further, it is unlawful to discard, throw or drop any lighted match, cigar, cigarette, or any other burning substance within such areas;
- d) To camp, lodge, occupy sleeping bags, or sleep between the hours of twelve midnight and six a.m.;
- e) To kill or have in possession any wild birds, animals, at any time within said areas;
- f) To throw, deposit, place, or leave in or upon any place within said parks or upon said beaches or golf course any waste papers, cans, bottles, trash, refuse, or rubbish on any kind, except in a receptacle provided for such purpose by the city;
- g) To place in trash receptacles provided in such parks, household trash or garbage generated or accumulated outside of said park, golf course, or beach.

11.04.020 – Consumption in public place.

It is unlawful and it is an infraction for any person to drink or consume any intoxicating liquor in or on any public park, street, or alley, public property, public parking area, public wharf, public dock, public waterfront or marine life refuge, or any beach within the city; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to consumption of intoxicating liquor within the confines of any enclosed building where express permission for the consumption of alcoholic beverages has been granted by the city council (Ord. 833 N.S./6 (part), 1975: N.S. (part), 1968).

16.32.130 – Driving on beaches or in parks.

A. Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person to drive, propel, or operate any motor vehicle, except as provided in subsection B herein, on any public beach, public golf course, public park, public cemetery or other public place within the City of Pacific Grove, except on roads, streets, driveways and parking areas designated and laid out for vehicular use by the public. It is unlawful for any person to drive, propel, or operate a motor vehicle in a direction contrary to signs indicating a westerly one-way direction for traffic, on that certain roadway, in the oceanfront park known as Perkins Park, which enters from Ocean View Boulevard near Acropolis Street.

14.08.030 – Dogs prohibited in public parks.

It is unlawful for any person to lead or conduct any dog, whether or not on a leash, within any public park or cemetery in the city.