



**2012**

## **RISING VALLEY PARK**

*4701 Newton Road*

**Phone Number to Schedule: 330-659-4700**

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **1. Hours of Operation**

The Rising Valley Park ("Park") will open to people and vehicles from 6:00am to dusk, every day of the year.

### **2. Liability**

Richfield Township assumes **no responsibility** for injury that may occur on park premises or while using park facilities. The Township assumes no responsibility or obligation for damage to any vehicle on property used on Park property.

### **3. Alcoholic Beverages/ Illegal Drugs**

In accordance with O.R.C., no person shall bring into, have, keep, carry, serve, drink or ingest any intoxicating beverage or illegal drugs within the Park.

### **4. Preservation of Property and Natural Features**

No person shall injure, deface or disturb any part of the park nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.

**5. Hunting and Molesting Wildlife**

No person shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the Park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird.

**6. Camps**

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place, without a specific written permit from the Richfield Township Trustees *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator.

**7. Fires**

No person shall start a fire in the park, except fires for culinary purposes and only in such places provided for that purpose, unless authorized by written permit of the Richfield Township Trustees *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator. All fires shall be put out by the person or persons starting and using same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

**8. Garbage, Refuse, Ashes, Sewage, and Noxious Materials**

No person shall deposit in any part of the park, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, waste or other noxious materials. Trash or ashes created in the park shall be disposed of in the receptacles provided for that purpose. No dirt shall be dumped within the Park without permission from the Richfield Township Trustees, *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator, or Park Administrator.

**9. Firearms**

No person, except duly authorized police officers, shall carry or use firearms of any description within the Park. No air rifles, slingshots, cross bows, bow and arrows or missile throwing devices are permitted within the Park. No fireworks or explosive substances are permitted within the Park without written permit from the Richfield Township Trustees *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator, or Park Administrator.

**10. Disorderly Conduct**

No person shall, either by work or act, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct, or in any way or manner disturb the peace or good order of the

community within the Park; nor shall any person engage in any active game endangering other persons in the Park; nor shall any person play at games of chance, drink intoxicating liquor, or be drunk or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper acts therein.

**11. Dogs and Cats**     (Exception: guide animals)

No dog, cat or any animal is permitted in any closed park building. Such animals are permitted in other areas if they are controlled at all times on a leash. Owners are responsible to clean up after their pets

**12. Grazing**

No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the Park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other animal, or any poultry or fowl, without written permit from the Richfield Township Trustees *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator, or Park Administrator.

**13. Commercial Enterprises**

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the Park without a permit from the Richfield Township Trustees *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator, and no person shall do any begging, hawking, peddling or soliciting therein.

**14. Signs**

No person shall expose, distribute or place any signs, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design, within the Park, without a written permit from the Richfield Township Trustees *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator, or Park Administrator.

**15. Golf Balls**

No person shall hit golf balls on Park property

**16. Cross Country Skiing**

Cross country skiing will be permitted only when ground is covered by two (2) inches of snow or more.

## 17. Application and Bonds

Organizations wishing to use the Park must complete an application obtained from the Township's website and either mail, email or drop off in person to the Richfield Administration Office to receive approval.

## 18. Recreation Pavilions

See Fee Schedule available from the Township Administration Office.

## 19. Soccer Field and Open Space Usages

**Soccer Fields.** The Soccer Fields shall be open April 15 through November 1 of each year from 7a.m. until dusk 7 days a week. **NOTE:** The organized league use of the fields must be approved by the Richfield Township Trustees *vis-à-vis* the Township Administrator **PRIOR to the season.**

**Soccer Field Use Charges.** (See Fee Schedule) is required for any group or individual who schedules use of a field more than (3) times throughout a year.

**General Sports Facilities and Soccer.** The sports facilities are open to the public and use is permitted as long as no conflict of schedules occurs. When the Richfield Township Trustees or Park Administrator determines that there may be a possible or actual conflict for the use of certain fields or facilities, the following rules shall apply in all cases:

**Soccer Eligibility and Season.** To be eligible to use any of the sports facilities, the specific schedule request for what field or other facilities to be used, including specific dates and beginning and ending times and other relevant information must be forwarded to the Richfield Township Trustees in writing no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> (Spring season)/ July 15<sup>th</sup> (Fall season). **A complete schedule of all games sessions of all ages must be submitted 2 weeks prior to the start of the season.**

All requests for use of the facilities shall be made in good faith and all participants shall act in good faith and with regard to any request for use, including the verification of the status of Richfield Township residents participating in the use or activity. Public use of the fields is permitted as long as it does not conflict with previously scheduled games or reservations.

After March 15<sup>th</sup> (Spring season)/July 15<sup>th</sup> (Fall season) has passed, the Richfield Township Trustees shall review all requests received by the deadline for the use of the fields and facilities. The Richfield Township Trustees, at their sole discretion, shall make a determination that the use of the fields and other facilities shall be given to those participants that have the greatest number of Richfield Township residents actually participating in the activity. The Richfield Township Trustees shall rank the requests according to this priority and set schedules accordingly.

*It is the intention of these rules that the Park and other facilities be made available to the most Richfield Township residents as possible.*

Once the schedules have been made, any times and dates still open will be made available first to those groups or activities that made a written request by March 15<sup>th</sup> (Spring season)/July 15<sup>th</sup> (Fall season). If these groups do not commit to using the vacant days and times, they shall be made available to all other users on a first-come basis.

## **20. Baseball Fields and Open Space Usage**

**Baseball Season.** The baseball fields shall be open April 15 through September 20 of each year from 7a.m. until dusk 7 days a week.

**NOTE:** The organized league use of the fields **must be approved by the Richfield Township Trustees *vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator PRIOR to the season.**

**A field deposit is required for any group or individual who schedules use of a field more than (3) times throughout a year.**

**General Sports Facilities and Baseball Diamonds.** The sports facilities are open to the public and use is permitted as long as no conflict of schedules occurs. When the Richfield Township Trustees, Administrator, or Park Administrator determine that there may be a possible or actual conflict for the use of certain fields or facilities, the following rules shall apply in all cases:

**Eligibility.** To be eligible to use any of the sports facilities, the specific schedule request for what field or other facilities to be used, **including specific dates and beginning and ending times and other relevant information (contact numbers),** must be forwarded to the Richfield Township Trustees ***vis- à-vis* the Township Administrator** in writing **no later than March 31 of each year.**

A detailed and complete schedule of all games and sessions of all ages must be submitted 2 weeks prior to the start of the season. All requests for use of the facilities shall be made in good faith and all participants shall act in good faith and with regard to any request for use, including the verification of the status of Richfield Township residents participating in the use or activity. Public use of the fields is permitted as long as it does not conflict with previously scheduled games or reservations.

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**Applicant Responsibilities.** Applicant, at its sole expense, will carry and maintain during the event, including set-up and removal, adequate personal injury and property damage insurance coverage under a policy of general liability insurance. By signing the application, applicant warrants that such insurance is now in full force and will be effective for the Event.

**Proof of such required coverage may be requested by the Township prior to or on the date of the Event.**

Teams or Organizations engaging in activities, which may result in destruction of property or endangerment of themselves or others, will not be permitted to use the property.

## **21. Traffic**

- No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the Park, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than fifteen (15) miles per hour.

- No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the Park, a vehicle in any manner as to cause damage to the Park or any individual.
- No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the Park, any commercial vehicle over one (1) ton, without written permit from the Richfield Township Trustees or Township Administrator.
- No person shall park any motorcar, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle within the Park, except in places designated for such purpose.
- No person shall park any trailer, unattached, or attached to a motor vehicle within or upon the parkways, parks, reservations, or other lands controlled or supervised by the Richfield Township Trustees or the Park Administrator without a written permit from the Richfield Township Trustees or Township Administrator.
- The use of snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles on the nature preserve property is strictly prohibited.
- The use of mopeds, motorcycles, motor scooters, or motorbikes is permitted only on the hard-paved surface of the entrance drive and parking lot.

## **22. Fines**

If an individual and/or organization causes damage to the Park (fields and/or pavilion), they will be assessed the cost of the damage, which includes all materials and labor, to restore the damaged area(s) to the level prior to occurrence of the damage.

## **23. Waivers**

There are occasions when the waiver of a particular Rule is appropriate or necessary with respect to programs or operations (e.g., allowing for group functions or special event demonstrations or to accommodate extraordinary attendance situations or otherwise).