

ORDINANCE 2000 - 46

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATION FOR RECREATIONAL PARKS IN NASSAU COUNTY; ESTABLISHING A BOARD; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Nassau County to adopt rules and regulations for the County's recreational parks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has provided draft copies of this Ordinance to various athletic organizations in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has conducted a public hearing to consider this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2000, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. Title: This Ordinance shall be known as the "Nassau County Recreation Ordinance".

2. Authority: The Board of County Commissioners derives its authority pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 125.

3. Definitions:

a. Nassau County Recreational Parks shall include (1) Bryceville, (2) Callahan, (3), Hilliard, (4) Yulee, and (5) any other properties acquired by Nassau

County or donated to Nassau County and designated as recreation areas.

b. Verbal Abuse: The use of language that is obscene, profane, insulting, or threatening.

4. Uses of Recreation Areas: Participation on any County recreation facility carries with it the full acceptance of the requirements of this Ordinance, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Recreation Commission, as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners by Resolution(s).

Any Individual, team, league, or association shall be governed by the requirements of this Ordinance, and any amendments hereto, and any rules and regulations promulgated by the Recreation Commission, which are adopted by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners by Resolution(s).

Associations that are affiliated with local/state or national organizations shall also be subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by those organizations.

5. Associations: All associations must affiliate, when possible, each sport with a recognizable city, state or national organization. Each association shall submit their rules and regulations to the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department and the Recreation Commission. The

affiliation and the rules and regulations must be approved by the Recreation Commission upon recommendation of the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department. Each association is encouraged to affiliate. The association must be incorporated by the State of Florida, have a Federal Employers Identification Number, provide a copy of the number and the Association By-Laws to the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department. The associations are also required to have insurance that provides both medical and liability insurance of an amount as recommended to the Recreation Commission by the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department and shall provide a current copy of the policy to the Nassau County Recreation Department within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this Ordinance.

6. Recreation Commission:

a. The Nassau County Recreation Commission shall be:

i. Comprised of eleven (11) members. Nine (9) of the eleven (11) members shall be members of the athletic organizations that utilize the recreation areas. These nine members shall be the presidents of the following athletic organizations: Yulee Pop Warner, Yulee Little League, Yulee Tennis, Callahan Pop Warner, Callahan Little League, Callahan Soccer, Hilliard Pop Warner, Hilliard

Little League, and Bryceville Little League. Each organization shall submit the names and addresses of the respective presidents to the Board of County Commissioners, who shall appoint the presidents to serve on the Recreation Commission. Each president shall remain on the Commission during the respective terms as president of the respective organizations.

ii. Two (2) members shall be chosen at large by the Board of County Commissioners. Said at large members shall not be affiliated with any of the above organizations. Terms for the at large members shall be a two (2) year term, and a three (3) year term.

iii. Alternates - Each president of the athletic organizations shall also submit, annually, the names of two (2) alternates to the Board of County Commissioners each year. The alternates will be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The alternates may participate at all Recreation Commission meetings but shall not have voting privileges unless the appointed president is absent, and then only one (1) alternate may vote with the written authorization from the president. Terms for the alternates shall be for one (1) year terms.

7. Procedures for the Recreation Commission:

a. The Board of County Commissioners shall adopt Resolutions that shall establish procedures and other requirements as deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners.

8. Authority of the Recreation Commission:

a. The Recreation Commission shall conduct meetings and hearings to establish specific rules and regulations to be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption by Resolution(s). The Recreation Commission, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, shall hold hearings to receive input from the athletic associations and the public and may formulate additional recreation rules and regulations, at advertised public meeting(s), to be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners.

b. The Recreation Commission may, pursuant to Resolution(s) of the Board of County Commissioners, hear appeals from athletic associations as to disciplinary actions imposed by the associations.

c. The Recreation Commission may, pursuant to Resolution(s) of the Board of County Commissioners, conduct hearings and impose penalties that could include sanctions, suspension, bans, or other forms of penalties pursuant to the authority provided by the Board of County

Commissioners. The Nassau County Recreation Department may recommend specific actions to the Recreation Commission.

d. The Recreation Commission may recommend to the Board of County Commissioners with the concurrence of the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department that recreation improvements or additions be made to the recreation facilities.

e. The Recreation Commission may establish schedules, after receiving recommendations from the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department, as to the utilization of the recreation areas, hear and decide any scheduling conflicts by associations or individuals utilizing the recreation areas.

f. Make general recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the recreation areas.

9. Recreation Park Improvements: No improvements or additions may be made to any recreation facility without the approval of the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department, and the Recreation Commission may make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners as regards improvements or additions, and the Board of County Commissioners shall receive advice as to these recommendations from the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department. Any improvements or additions that are made

without the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department are subject to being removed, and the expense charged to the individual or association responsible for said addition or improvement.

10. Rules and Regulations:

a. Sportsmanship: *This will be strictly enforced and shall be closely observed.* Each association is responsible for the conduct of the players, spectators, parents, and coaches involved with their teams. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any nature will not be tolerated. The Recreation Commission shall recommend, pursuant to Paragraph 8(a), specific rules and sanctions.

b. Possession, consumption, or use of alcohol or illegal drugs at any recreational facility is prohibited.

c. Bench and Field Conduct: The minimum penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct as it pertains to using words or remarks that reflect on the opposing team is disqualification. Associations should be encouraged to work with players and coaches to eliminate these unsportsmanlike acts. No one is allowed in the dugout or bench area other than players, scorekeeper(s), coaches, bat person(s), manager(s), or league-authorized personnel.

d. Official(s): Spectators shall not approach an official during a recreation event and question a judgment call. Any spectator who physically goes on to the field, during an event, and questions a judgment call or any spectator(s), player(s), manager(s), coach(es), or other authorized league personnel who touches an official will be ejected from the game and/or park. Any official may also eject any player, manager, coach, or other league-authorized personnel from a game and/or the park. Any individual may also be subject to further disciplinary action by the athletic organization.

e. Verbal Abuse of Game Officials or Opposing Teams:

i. First Offense: Minimum Penalty - Manager or player will automatically be suspended for no less than one (1) game.

ii. Second Offense: Minimum Penalty - Manager or player will automatically be suspended for no less than two (2) weeks.

iii. Third Offense: Minimum Penalty - Manager or player will automatically be suspended for one (1) calendar year.



iv. The above are minimum penalties and are subject to an increase in severity as determined by the appropriate athletic association.

f. Physical Abuse: Physical abuse of officials or any participant by spectators in any program may result in a minimum of one (1) year suspension for the person committing the acts. Physical abuse of officials or participants by coaches or assistant coaches or by other participants will result in disciplinary action pursuant to the particular league of which they are a member.

g. Curfews for Use of Field Lights:

i. Sunday through Thursday - All lights must be out by 11:00 p.m.

ii. Friday and Saturday - all lights must be out by 11:30 p.m.

iii. Exclusion: Affiliation tournaments with deadlines.

iv. The Recreation Commission may vary the curfew hours.

h. Smoking Ban: Smoking shall be prohibited in all bleachers and shall only be allowed a minimum of twenty feet (20') from any bleacher.

i. Bikes, Skates, Skateboards, or Roller Blades: No bikes, skates, skateboards, or roller blades


shall be allowed in the recreation areas, except in designated areas as designated by the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department.

11. Counsel: The County Attorney's office shall be legal counsel to the Recreation Commission.

12. Clerical: The Nassau County Recreation Department shall provide clerical assistance to the Recreation Commission.

13. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

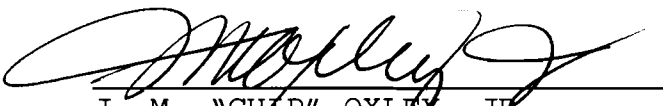
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Nassau County Attorney



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