

ORDINANCE 2006 - 38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-46, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE NASSAU COUNTY RECREATION ORDINANCE; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 10, RULES AND REGULATIONS, TO INCLUDE RULES FOR COACHES AND/OR VOLUNTEERS ARRESTED OR CONVICTED OF A FELONY FOR DRUG OR SEXUAL OFFENSES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Nassau Recreation Commission voted on June 9, 2005 to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners an amendment to Ordinance No. 2005-39, that would increase the safety of Nassau County's children involved in Sports Associations who play in the Recreation Parks of Nassau County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 13th day of February, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance 2000-46, as amended, is further amended as follows:

a) 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 10:00 p.m., except for an organized/association event as defined herein.

ii. Friday and Saturday - all lights must be out by 10:00 p.m., except for an organized/association event as defined herein.

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, dugouts, and on any field and shall only be allowed a minimum of twenty feet (20') from any bleacher or dugout.

i. Bikes, Skates, Skateboards, Roller Blades, All Terrain Vehicles, or Paintball Activities: No bikes, skates, skateboards, roller blades, all terrain vehicles, or paintball activities shall be allowed in the recreation areas, except in designated areas as designated by the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department.

j. All animals must be on a leash and under the control of owner(s). No animals shall be allowed on playing fields. No animals shall be left unattended on the park property.

k. The park user shall be responsible for the removal of all trash.

1. Minors shall not be allowed to operate motorized equipment on County-owned or County-controlled park property. A minor is defined as an individual under the age of eighteen (18).

m. These rules shall be applicable for recreation parks only, and shall not be applicable for County-owned or County-controlled ocean front parks.

n. Curfews for Use of Fields: Sunday through Sunday, 10:00 p.m., except for organized/association events as defined herein.

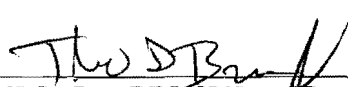
o. Outside Vendors: Every organization shall notify the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department of any activities that will allow an Outside Vendor to set up equipment in the Recreation Parks of Nassau County. These Outside Vendors will be required to provide the Nassau County Parks and Recreation Department with a Certificate of Liability Insurance for one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) that lists Nassau County as an additional insured and also provide a Hold Harmless Agreement.

p. Any Coach and/or Volunteer who is arrested during the season for a felony involving drugs or sexual offenses, will be immediately suspended until the matter is resolved.

q. Any Coach and/or Volunteer having plead guilty or nolo contendere to a felony count or counts for sexual or drug offences or a felony conviction for drug or sexual offenses, will not be able to participate.


r. The Organization shall not apply any fertilizer, herbicide, or insecticide within the boundaries of the county owned or controlled property. This does not apply when the only pesticides applied are disinfectants, sanitizers, or ready-to-use pesticides sold over the counter at retail.

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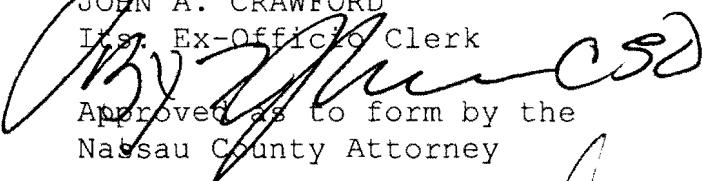


THOMAS D. BRANAN, JR.
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk


Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



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