

YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION FIELD USE AGREEMENT

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RECOMMENDATION

**PARD Staff to Proceed with Final
Negotiations and Execution of Athletic
Field Use Agreement of Public Fields and
Private Fields with Youth Sports
Organizations**



CHALLENGES

- ❑ Private Land Receiving Public Funds
- ❑ Public Use Access
- ❑ Equality of Field Conditions
- ❑ Predominately City of Austin Youth
- ❑ Integrating New Youth Sports Organization Request
- ❑ Address Citizen Concerns/Complaints

PARTNERSHIP

□ Monthly Meetings

- 6 Hosted – Update Field Use Agreement
- 1 Parks Board Informational Update

□ Communication/E-mails

- Draft Contracts
- Notified Parks Board Informational Update
- Notified Parks Board Action Item

UTILITY SUBSIDY

WATER – ELECTRIC – WASTE WATER

PUBLIC FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PRIVATE FIELDS

Current:

- Private & Public Fields Subsidies Same
- 29% Allocated Funds Subsidize Private Fields

Recommendation:

- Phase Out Private Land Subsidies
- 20% Reduction Each Year For 5 Years

PARTNERSHIP STANDARDS

PUBLIC USE ACCESS

Current:

- At all other dates and times not reserved through this process, the subject field remains open to the public

Recommendation:

- Agreement does not provide exclusivity to athletic sports fields and sports complexes
- All other dates and times not reserved through this process, the subject field(s) referenced in III A. remains open to the public

PARTNERSHIP STANDARDS

ATHLETIC FIELDS

Current:

- Maintain the subject fields in a good and functioning condition, keeping the field safe for youth recreation
- Provide general maintenance, litter, and clean-up for the subject fields

Recommendation:

- YSO's must comply with the City of Austin's Park Maintenance Operations Manual
- YSO's must comply with the City of Austin's Integrated Pest Management Program

PARTNERSHIP STANDARDS

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Current:

- Must conduct annual background checks on all volunteers or paid employees who will interact with youth

Recommendation:

- Must conduct criminal background checks on any person holding a position within the organization
- Sole responsibility of the YSO to conduct all CBIs
- City of Austin's Criteria for CBI review as the general guidelines

PARTNERSHIP STANDARDS

REPORTS

Current:

- List of Activities Funded
- Documentation of Residency of Youth Participants and the Number of Youth Served

Recommendation:

- List of Activities – Programs - Leagues
- Revenues/Expenses – Program – Activity – Participant
- City reserves the right to ask for an audit or additional information
- Breakdown of Youth Served
 - Unduplicated Count by Residency/Non-Residency
 - Total Count by Residency/Non-Residency

PARTNERSHIP DEFINITIONS

UNDERFINED TERMS

Current:

- Predominately - None
- Residency
City of Austin Resident
- Non-Profit - None

Recommendation:

- Predominately
75% City of Austin
- Residency
Participant has a Permanent Address or is the Owner of a Business Within the City of Austin Limits
- Non-Profit
Meets Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
In Good Standing with IRS

IMPACTED GROUPS

□ Youth Sports Organization

- Balcones Youth Sports 6 Fields
- North Austin Optimist 5 Fields
- Oak Hills Youth Association 8 Fields
- West Austin Youth Association 2 Fields

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