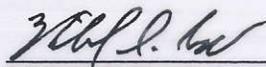


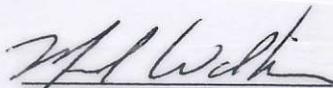
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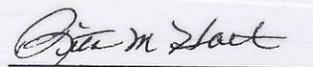
**Medina Township  
Medina County, Ohio**

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02192009-010**

  
Michael D. Todd

  
Mead Wilkins, Chairman

  
Rita M. Holt

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 Amended this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009

These Regulations are effective as of February 19, 2009 and shall apply to any sports association utilizing the Medina Township (herein referred to as the Township) sports fields or facilities or fields overseen and/or maintained by Medina Township.

A sports association is a collection of people who have joined together in an organized manner to participate in sports. The Township shall be afforded reasonable discretion in determining whether a group of people who want to use the Township's sports fields are a sports association. The Township shall further be afforded reasonable discretion in determining whether a sports association's use of the Township's sports fields and facilities requires compliance with these regulations.

It is presumed that a sports association's use of the Township's sports fields and/or facilities three (3) or more times in a given season will result in that association being subject to these regulations; final determination of status shall be left to the Township's discretion. The Township shall make available to sports associations the use of Township owned sports fields or athletic facilities so that the associations can organize and provide recreational sports programs for participants.

The sports associations shall submit to the Township a requested sports field schedule of use within a reasonable time prior to the association's needed use so that the Township can coordinate and schedule the use of the sports fields. The requested schedule of use shall include all dates and times needed for practices, games, tournaments, clinics, etc. An association's use of a field shall be only on those dates and times approved by the Township. Any changes requested by an association to the field schedule of use shall be submitted in writing or electronically and be approved by the Township. The Township's decision on the schedule of use shall be final in determining the use of fields or facilities.

Each association is responsible for the appropriate certification of coaches in accordance with the rules and requirements of their governing organizations. Records of certification may be requested by the Township. Each association shall have a background check in place for all coaches, assistant coaches, and trainers involved with the association. A background check shall be completed in compliance with accepted protocol as utilized in a sports association's bylaws or rules. If there is no accepted protocol for a background check, the association may use the Ohio Attorney General's office for civilian background checks.

Any association officer, coach, umpire, or other official may request that an unruly or dangerous participant, coach, parent, or spectator leave the premises during sporting events. Any association officer, coach, umpire, or other official may contact the police department for assistance. Alcohol use, abusive language, fighting, unleashed pets and unsupervised children are not permitted. The Township is not responsible for lost or stolen property.

The sports association members shall clean up trash and litter at fields and facilities after each use. The Township shall provide waste receptacles at fields and facilities and empty said receptacles. Additional portable restroom facilities can be requested through the Township. It is the responsibility of the association to request such facilities and assume payment for them. The association shall notify the Township as to any damage, vandalism, safety issues or any needed repairs as soon as possible, not later than the next working day. The association shall not allow any vehicles in any areas not designated for vehicular parking, including fields, grass, and concession areas, unless specifically authorized by the Township. The association shall turn off all applicable lights and appliances at the fields and facilities upon the conclusion of the association's sports activity. The association shall close and lock all applicable gates and doors upon the conclusion of the association's sports activity. The association shall not add, alter, delete or improve the fields or facilities without prior written consent by the Township. Such alterations, additions or improvements must meet existing applicable Township codes, and become and remain Township property.

A separate written agreement will be required between the Township and the associations for any capital improvements in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). Any association that wants to serve food items must be inspected by the Medina County Health Department. It will be the responsibility of the association to contact the Medina County Health Department to explain the level of food service the association will be using. The association is responsible for all fees associated with any permits or licenses.

While the Township is committed to providing quality park facilities for the benefit of associations and residents, the Township reserves the right to close the fields and facilities if weather conditions or other conditions exist and the Township determines the conditions may contribute to unsafe play, damage to the fields or facilities, or it is in the best interests of fields or facilities.

If any of the following conditions exist, the athletic fields will be closed:

- (a) When soil moisture is so high that there is standing water *or* muddy conditions, which could compromise the safety of the players or negatively impact the future playability of the athletic field. This includes high traffic areas such as goal and home plate areas.
- (b) Turf that is saturated to such a level that activities on the field would cause thinning of the turf, damage to the soil structure, divots which may dry to uneven surface, or cause further damage to already worn areas.
- (c) The presence of frost or frozen turf conditions. (Foot traffic in these conditions will kill the grass plant)

At the Township's discretion, the above standards may be amended when making decisions for tournaments or special events.

The Township will make a decision on whether to close fields no later than two hours prior to the first scheduled game time. If it should begin to rain within two hours prior to the scheduled game or during a game, the referee or game official is responsible for making the decision to close fields if turf conditions become unsafe.

The associations are encouraged to use appropriate judgment when deciding to use fields and facilities following and during inclement weather conditions. If any noticeable damage is done to fields or facilities during an association's activities, it will be the financial responsibility of the association to repair the damage. Damage is any impairment or deterioration of the fields or facilities as determined by the Township where the field or facility is not suitable or fit for subsequent use and/or play. At the Township's discretion, the Township may repair the damage and submit a bill to the association to be paid in full within forty-five (45) days or the Township may permit the association to make the necessary repairs provided the association submits an acceptable plan for repair to the Township prior to making the repairs. The Township has the right to close the fields until the repairs are completed.

Before any sports association may use a Township sports field or facility it shall:

- (a) Provide proof acceptable to the Township that the Township is named as an additional insured on its policy of liability insurance providing coverage in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00, and
- (b) Agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Township and its employees from all liability and damages from claims which may be made against the Township by sports association participants and their legal representatives.

(c) Penalty. Any sports association that fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall be denied the use of the Township sports fields and denied a Township Sports Field Schedule of Use.

d) There will be a field rental charge at the current rate. (Amended 4/2/09)

If rainouts cannot be rescheduled, you will be reimbursed for that game. You will not be reimbursed for games cancelled for any other reason.

Within two (2) weeks of the conclusion of the association's season, the association shall clean the concession and storage areas, and winterize said areas, if applicable.

**PENALTY: Any sports association that violates any term or provision of this ordinance may be denied the use of the Township's athletic fields and facilities, and be subjected to any other civil penalties.**

**Food Service Regulations**

No person or government entity shall operate a food service operation in Medina Township without a license. A separate license may be required from a County Health Department for each food service operation a person or government entity operates. Any person or government entity providing food service at a sports field in Medina Township must fully comply with the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717.

**Family or Informal Group Regulations**

Medina Township welcomes and encourages families or informal groups to enjoy the recreational opportunities at Blakslee Park. There are no fees for these activities.

Reservations and schedule of availability can be accessed at the township website, <http://www.medinatownship.com>, or by contacting Jeff Kessler, Sports Field Manager, phone 330-764-8767, fax 330-722-2489 or e-mail: [medinatwpsports@yahoo.com](mailto:medinatwpsports@yahoo.com).

It is requested that families and/or informal groups:

- (a) Refrain from alcohol use, abusive language and fighting.
- (b) Clean up trash and litter at fields and facilities after each use.
- (c) Notify the Township as to any damage, vandalism, safety issues or any needed repairs as soon as possible.

Unleashed pets and unsupervised children are not permitted. Players are responsible for any and all damages. Medina Township is not responsible for lost and stolen property.

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I agree to all the terms in the above Medina Township Sports Fields Regulations Document.

Association Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name