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POLICY FOR USAGE OF
HOMER TOWNSHIP
SPORTS FIELDS
Revised March 2010

It has come to the attention of the Homer Township Board of Trustees that a policy for usage of the township owned sports fields is necessary. The following policy, although more comprehensive, is the same policy we have maintained for years. The sports fields were built and are maintained to accommodate all Homer Township youths; boys and girls of all ages. **Homer Township is the owner of all Township parks and sports complex properties and agrees to provide space to the three established recreation sports clubs to conduct and operate programs for Homer Township youth. Homer Township requires that each organization maintain an average of 90% Homer Township team players that participate in their respective groups.** This is done in conjunction with the Homer Athletic Club, Homer Stallions and the Homer Soccer Club that serves our community. In conjunction with the respective Boards we have established the following guidelines:

1. All board members, managers and head coaches must reside within Homer Township boundaries.
2. A written disciplinary policy for board members, coaches and fans must be on file in the Township office. (By-laws are acceptable if they address the above statement.)
3. The three Clubs will utilize the fields to the best of their ability for the recreational usage of Homer's youths.
4. All clubs will keep enrollment open as long as possible so that all youths will have a chance to participate in organized recreation. Baseball field assignments are usually given in March. Football and Soccer field assignments are usually given in June.
5. The three Clubs will utilize all fields for their organization so as to accommodate as many youngsters as possible. The Township Board's goal is to maximize utilization of all recreational facilities.
6. The Clubs, to the best of their ability, will maintain the fields and the surrounding areas, i.e. concession stands, light usage, etc. The Township will assist as budgets permit.
7. Any renovations, changes, installations or remodeling in or affecting the property shall not be undertaken without prior approval of the Town Board. Documentation must be presented to the Township office prior to doing any work on the fields. Drawings must be submitted if any digging or underground utility work will be done.
8. In the event of any damage, while the property is in use by respective Clubs, the respective Club shall be responsible for all repairs and restorations. Each Club that shares

the fields for practice or games will verify the condition of the fields prior to and after their season to determine their responsibility of the repairs that may be required.

9. Violation of field guidelines could be grounds for all rights to field use being revoked.

10. Other teams must meet certain requirements to qualify for field usage during the sports season as follows:

- a. A minimum of ninety percent of team players must reside within Homer Township boundaries. Verification will be required prior to the scheduling meeting.
- b. The managers of each team must reside within Homer Township boundaries. Verification required prior to the scheduling meeting.
- c. After the three Clubs have scheduled their season, other teams may then petition the respective Club for any unused field time.
- d. The Clubs will assign available field time to other teams, in each level of play, with the highest percentage of Homer youth being given first choice after the local clubs.
- e. A fee of \$85.00 is to be paid to respective Clubs for the usage of the Township fields for each game prior to field usage. This fee, which offsets the costs for electric, sewer, water, supplies, etc., is to be paid at the scheduling meeting.
- f. All outside teams are required to abide by the guidelines of the respective clubs. Lights are to be turned on no sooner than 6:30 p.m. and turned off by 10:30 p.m. All garbage from the stands and receptacles is to be collected and put into the provided dumpsters after each use.
- g. Violation of field guidelines could be grounds for all rights to field use being revoked.
- h. Homer Athletic Club will schedule baseball fields; Homer Stallions will schedule football fields, and Homer Soccer Club will schedule soccer fields. All other fields will be scheduled by the Town Board of Trustee who is in charge of parks.
- i. The Sports Complex baseball fields shall be utilized as follows: Stallions Cheerleaders and Flag Football players only will have access to all baseball fields on Monday through Saturday from 8/1 through 9/15. Stallions Football players (except JV and Varsity) will have access to all baseball fields on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9/15 through 10/15. HAC will have access to all baseball fields on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday from ^{9/15} through 10/31 to offer a Fall Baseball Program. HAC will have access to all baseball fields following 10/15 for the purpose of conducting field repairs.
- j. The Town Board of Trustee who is in charge of parks may direct the Sports Group to suspend activity if it deemed that the fields are unplayable due to severe conditions

11. The Clubs and any other teams using the Township Parks for organized activities shall maintain the following insurance in a company approved by the Township Board and name the Township as "Additional Named Insured" in the following amounts:

A. Bodily injury	\$1,000,000 Aggregate
B. Property Damage	\$50,000
C. Umbrella liability coverage	\$1,000,000

An Insurance certificate must be provided to the Township Supervisor and on file prior to the scheduling meeting to use any Township property.

12. Any notice to or from the Township shall be in writing and addressed to the parties as stated on attachment 1 of this document. (See attachment #1). This list is to be updated each year by the Town Supervisor. Each Club is responsible for providing the Township Supervisor with the correct contact person and address.

As always, every effort will be made to accommodate all Homer youth wishing access to recreational fields.