

**CITY OF OWOSSO
PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

AUTHORITY. These rules are promulgated pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-1 of the Owosso City Code.

APPLICABILITY. These rules shall apply to all City of Owosso parks, play fields, and other public grounds, which for the purpose of these rules shall be identified as parks.

CLOSING HOURS. All parks shall be closed to public use between dusk and dawn, except as follows: 1) Bentley Park, Bennett Field and Rudy DeMuth shall be closed from 11:00 p.m. to dawn, and 2) Hopkins Lake Park shall be open between dusk and dawn solely and exclusively for the purpose of fishing in Hopkins Lake.

SWIMMING PROHIBITED. Swimming is prohibited in all parks except in areas designated for that purpose by the Director of Public Works.

FIRES. Fires are restricted to barbecue grills and then only for the purpose of preparing food.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF REFUSE. Refuse generated during the use of park facilities shall be properly disposed of in containers provided for that purpose. Disposal of household refuse in park refuse containers is prohibited.

VEHICLE REGULATIONS. The following provisions relate to the use of vehicles in the parks: 1) Motorcycles, mopeds, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and the like are prohibited from all park areas except for roadways designated for public travel, 2) The speed limit in all parks shall be ten miles per hour, and 3) Parking shall be restricted to areas designated for that purpose.

PAVILION RESERVATION. All picnic pavilions shall be available to be used on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of use except as follows: The pavilions in Bentley Park and Harmon Patridge (Green Meadows) Park shall be reserved in advance after January 1 of the year in which the pavilion is to be used. Detailed procedures for the reservation of these pavilions shall be developed and implemented by the Director of Public Works.

USE BY ORGANIZATIONS. Provisions of these rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, Shiawassee County-based organizations shall be permitted the exclusive control of designated areas of City parks, including control during hours the parks are closed to the public, subject to the following conditions:

1. The use of the park shall be approved by the City Manager;
2. Areas used shall be those not regularly frequented by the general public or the areas occupied shall be open to the general public; although a fee may be charged the general public for such access;
3. The organizations' use of the park area shall not be conducted in violation of any local or state law nor unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjacent park areas by others;
4. The organizations shall agree to hold the City harmless from liability for incidents arising out of the organizations' use of the park area and shall provide evidence of insurance coverage for public liability satisfactory to the City Manager;
5. The City reserves the right to direct where organizations' structures are installed and activities conducted so as to minimize damage to park

property and facilities and to limit interference with the use of adjacent areas of the park.

SCHEDULING AND USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS. (1) Priority in the use of ball fields, soccer fields and similar athletic facilities in City parks shall be given to organizations scheduling regular games or matches. When the City Manager determines that coordination of organizations' use of such facilities is necessary to avoid scheduling conflicts, he or she shall provide for the development of schedules for such facilities. The City Manager shall have the authority to designate organizations to provide for scheduling and oversight of use of athletic fields. Such organizations shall schedule use of the fields in such a manner as to accommodate use by all interested organizations to the greatest extent feasible and so as to provide for compliance by these rules and regulations by all organizations using the athletic facilities.

(2) The City Manager shall have the authority to restrict use of athletic fields so as to avoid excessive wear and tear on facilities.

(3) The City Manager may authorize organizations to sell concessions at athletic fields and to use City facilities designated for that purpose. Preference in selling concessions may be given to organizations designated to provide scheduling and oversight of the use of athletic fields. Organizations selling concessions at athletic fields shall be responsible for the cleaning of restroom facilities at such fields although supplies for use in restrooms shall be provided by the Director of Public Works.

(4) Organizations providing for the scheduling and oversight of athletic fields may be permitted to provide for the installation of signs recognizing program sponsors. Such signs shall not advertise specific products or services but shall be limited to the names and logos of sponsors and brief descriptions of the nature of the sponsor's business. All sponsor signs shall be constructed of material that will withstand customary weather conditions and shall be maintained by the organizations installing them. Signs shall be installed on existing fences and in such a manner that the message content of the signs is visible from within the athletic fields only. Signs shall be installed only during the usual seasons during which organizations schedule games and matches on the fields.

(5) Organizations utilizing athletic fields for scheduled games, matches and practices shall be responsible for removing litter from the areas used for their activities. In addition, organizations shall be responsible for removing and storing any equipment used in their activities. Installation of bleachers or similar facilities must be authorized by the Director of Public Works.

(6) The Director of Public Works shall provide for utilities (except for telephone service), refuse disposal and the maintenance of athletic fields in coordination with the needs and schedules of organizations utilizing the fields. The Director of Public Works may require that organizations utilizing athletic fields undertake specific activities uniquely required for their particular use of the fields such as the installation of bases or nets, the painting of lines on fields, etc.

HOLMAN POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS. The following rules and regulations shall govern conduct by individuals swimming at Holman Pool:

A. Rules and Regulations:

1. Horseplay, running, shoving, snapping towels, foul language and pushing are not allowed.
2. Please do not jump on or near another person.
3. Call for help only if it is a real emergency
4. Diving is not allowed in 3 to 5 feet of water.
5. Cutoffs, bandages and gum are not allowed in the pool area.
6. No smoking in the pool area or on park property.
7. Clothing and shoes must be stored in a basket in the locker room.

8. Food and drinks are not allowed on the pool deck.
9. Diving is permitted in deep water; back dives and flips are not allowed.
10. Please refrain from splashing others including the lifeguards.
11. Use the ladders to enter and exit the pool only.
12. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.
13. The baby pool is for children under the age of 5 only.
14. Please sign in with your name and emergency phone number when you enter the pool.
15. Personal floatation devices, tubes, beach balls, etc. are not permitted.

B. Consequences for not following pool rules.

1st Offense: 10 minutes out of the water.

2nd Offense: Out of the pool for a day.

3rd Offense: Out of the pool for 3 days.

4th Offense: Pool privileges suspended for remainder of the season.

PUBLIC NOTICE. The public shall be deemed to have been properly notified of the provisions of these rules and regulations if the Director of Public Works shall cause their publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least annually prior to April 1. The Director of Public Works is further authorized to post such signs as are in his opinion required to insure substantial compliance with the provisions of these rules and regulations.

As adopted by the Owosso City Council on April 19, 2004.