



## **Official Rules Parks, Park Facilities and the Beach**

Pursuant to Section 4.55.400 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC), the Director of Community and Cultural Services (the Department) hereby promulgates the following rules in order to maintain the City's parks and the beach, preserve and protect their facilities and foliage, promote the safety and welfare of users, and minimize conflicts between uses.

Pursuant to Section 4.55.420 (c) of the SMMC, any person violating any rule may be subject to administrative citations pursuant to Chapter 1.09 of the SMMC.

Persons or groups authorized to produce or host an event in a park or at the beach may be exempt from some of the following rules, as specified in the City-issued events permit.

### **I. General Park**

- a) Park users must abide by the decision of the City's Public Service Officers or other authorized City personnel regarding the interpretation of these rules.
- b) No person shall use or play upon a park area, court or field when said area is posted as closed.
- c) Park users shall not occupy park space which has been reserved by others holding City-issued use permits.
- d) No person shall place or use umbrellas, canopies or pop-up tents with open sides, if over 400 square feet in area, within any park.
- e) No person shall place or use large inflatable structures (i.e., moon bouncer, bouncers, bounce houses, or inflatable obstacles used in interactive games) within any park.
- f) No person shall place or use dunk tanks or carnival rides within any park.
- g) Persons playing upon turf areas, except playing fields, must wear smooth-soled footwear. Footwear with cleats, spikes, or other specialty traction-enhancing surfaces whether metal, nylon, rubber or plastic shall not be considered smooth-soled.
- h) Persons occupying chess tables, but not playing chess, must yield to chess players.

- i) The gated pétanque court area at Palisades Park may only be occupied by persons actively playing pétanque or resting in between consecutive games of pétanque.
- j) No person shall place or use generators within any park, unless authorized by the Fire Marshall.
- k) No person shall add markings, lines or symbols to any existing court unless approved in advance by the Department.
- l) No person shall post signs or handbills on fences, building or park amenities, unless authorized by the Department.
- m) No person shall store athletic, sports or other equipment within any park unless otherwise lawfully authorized to do so.
- n) Park users shall not produce loud and unreasonable noise, including, playing music, using amplification equipment or playing a musical instrument, which disturbs, injures or endangers the health or peace of others between the following hours:
  - 10pm Sunday – 8am Monday
  - 10pm Monday – 8am Tuesday
  - 10pm Tuesday – 8am Wednesday
  - 10pm Wednesday – 8am Thursday
  - 10pm Thursday – 8am Friday
  - 10pm Friday – 8am Saturday
  - 10pm Saturday – 9am Sunday
- o) All permit holders must display a copy of their permit when asked by authorized City personnel.
- p) Permit holders shall not utilize amplified sound, unless authorized by the Department.
- q) Park equipment and installations, including but not limited to light poles, drinking fountains, public art, bleachers, pergolas, picnic tables, benches, railings, fencing, signs, bike racks, and barbeque grills, shall not be used for exercise activity, except for equipment specifically designated by signage for exercising.
- r) No person shall bathe, enter, wade in, be present in, or remain in any fountain in any City park. No person shall allow any animal in his or her custody or control to bathe, enter, wade in, be present in, or remain in any fountain in any City park. This rule shall not apply to the runnels in Tongva Park or to playground splash pads.
- s) No person shall operate or ride a pedicab within any park.

II. **Athletic/Playing Fields**

- a) A City-issued field permit is required for any group of 10 or more persons engaging in any organized athletic activity (such as, but not limited to, football, baseball, soccer, softball) or active sports or recreation activity upon any athletic field.
- b) A City-issued field permit, consistent with the City's field permitting guidelines, is required for commercial use of a field.
- c) No person shall possess or use any of the following upon a synthetic field:
  - Food, sunflower seeds, chewing gum or beverages (except water)
  - Cleats (except rubber cleats)
  - Staked equipment (flags, goals, chairs)
  - Marking materials
  - Tents or shade structures
  - Bicycles, skateboards or vehicles

III. **Playgrounds**

- a) No person shall use playground equipment in an unsafe manner.
- b) No person over the manufacturer's recommended age range shall use the playground equipment in a manner other than intended or designed.
- c) No person shall attach ropes, bands or exercise equipment to playground equipment.

IV. **Basketball Courts**

- a) In-line skates, roller skates, skateboards, and scooters shall not be used on the basketball courts.
- b) No person shall use the basketball court at Joslyn Park from sunset to 8:00 am.
- c) A court reservation permit is required for basketball instruction for compensation.
- d) No person shall place any exercise weights or any other exercise equipment, with the exception of mats, on the basketball courts.
- e) Basketball courts shall only be used for playing basketball or for other exercise or fitness purpose.

V. **Dogs and Off-Leash Areas**

- a) Dogs are not permitted at Los Amigos Park.
- b) The small dog fenced areas within the Airport and Joslyn Park off-leash areas are reserved for use by dogs weighing 25 lbs. or less.

VI. **Tennis Courts**

- a) No person shall wear hard-soled or dark-soled shoes.
- b) No person shall use In-line skates, roller skates, skateboards, scooters and bicycles.
- c) No person shall conduct tennis instruction for compensation, unless otherwise authorized by a City issued permit.
- d) No more than two courts within any park may be utilized by instructors providing tennis instruction for compensation.
- e) No person shall place any exercise weights or any other exercise equipment, with the exception of mats, on tennis courts. This regulation does not apply to ball machines and ball sweeps.

VII. **Skatepark** (see Skatepark Rules adopted by City Council on April 12, 2005)

VIII. **Lawn Bowling**

- a) No person shall use the Lawn Bowling court without a City issued permit.

IX. **Commercial Fitness or Athletic Instruction, Classes or Camps**

- a) Definitions:
  - Small Group: Not more than 2 participants excluding instructor(s) and/or spectators.
  - Medium Group: Not more than 10 participants excluding instructor(s) and/or spectator(s).
  - Large Group: More than 10 participants excluding instructor(s) and/or spectator(s).
  - Approved Instructor: An instructor, approved by the City, that works as an employee or contractor, under the supervision and responsibility of the Permittee.
- b) Small Group, Medium Group and Large Group fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps may be conducted at the beach and in the following parks:
  - Airport Park
  - Beach Green

- Beach Park #1
  - Clover Park
  - Douglas Park
  - Hotchkiss Park
  - Marine Park
  - Ocean View Park
  - Palisades Park (with special annual group permit as described below)
  - Reed Park
  - South Beach Park
  - Stewart Street Park
- c) Small Group commercial fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps may be conducted in the following parks daily, with Medium Groups allowed Monday through Friday only:
- Virginia Avenue Park
- d) Only Small Group fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps may be conducted in the following parks:
- Barnard Way Linear Park
  - Crescent Bay Park
  - Memorial Park
  - Tongva Park
- e) No commercial fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps may occur in the following parks: Ashland Park, Beach Park #4, Chess Park, Euclid Park, Goose Egg Park, Joslyn Park, Ken Genser Square, Muscle Beach Park, Ozone Park, Pacific Street Park, Park Drive Park, and Schader Park.
- f) Permits for fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps for compensation are issued on a calendar year basis. (January 1 – December 31)
- g) A maximum of 5 Approved Instructors are allowed per permit, in addition to the Permittee.
- h) Permits issued for fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps for compensation shall become invalid if the permittee fails to:
- 1) pay all applicable City fees and charges;
  - 2) maintain a current and valid general liability insurance as required by the City;
  - 3) execute a required Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement; and
  - 4) maintain a current and valid Santa Monica Business License
  - 5) submit quarterly reports including hours of instruction by location, as required by the City
- i) Permittees and/or Approved Instructors must visibly wear a City-issued badge or display card at all times while conducting commercial fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps and have the City issued Permit available for immediate inspection by City staff upon request. *(Permits and City-issued badges are non-transferable.)*

- j) Permittees and/or Approved Instructors shall follow City staff instructions in siting or relocating commercial fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps, in order to avoid damage to City facilities or turf areas, and to avoid interference with maintenance activities and closures including but not limited to closures related to rain events.
- k) Permittees, Approved Instructors, and participants shall not store exercise equipment or personal belongings within 10 feet of any tree trunk.
- l) Permittees and/or Approved Instructors must site commercial fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps at least 200 feet away from all City operated classes and/or camps.
- m) Permittees and/or Approved Instructors shall not use amplification equipment, boom boxes, bull horns or whistles.
- n) Permittees and Approved Instructors shall not conduct commercial fitness or athletic instruction, classes or camps in any City park or on the beach between 9pm and 6am except Saturdays in Palisades Park where permits are not valid until 7am.
- o) Permittees and/or Approved Instructors shall not require park or beach users to relocate to accommodate a commercial fitness or athletic instruction, class or camp.
- p) Permittees and/or Approved Instructors shall relocate to accommodate City permitted activities, including City approved Community Events and City approved Filming.
- q) No Permittee or Approved Instructor shall display, place or distribute, or cause the display, placement or distribution of, any commercial advertising or signage, including but not limited to cards, flyers, brochures, signs or banners, in any City park or park parking lots and at the beach or beach parking lots.
- r) No person shall conduct any commercial fitness or athletic instruction, class or camp north of Marguerita Avenue in Palisades Park.
- s) No person shall conduct any commercial fitness or athletic instruction, class or camp in Palisades Park on Sundays.
- t) Palisades Park Medium and Large Group Permits
  - 1) A maximum of 15 permits will be issued on a first-come-first served basis.
  - 2) If more than 15 qualified applications are received during the application period, then a lottery or other allocation process will be used to fairly allocate permits.
  - 3) No Permittee or Approved Instructor shall conduct any commercial fitness or athletic instruction, class or camp containing more than 15 participants.

- 4) Permittees and/or Approved Instructors of Medium and Large Groups shall not operate outside of the four Zones designated by the City.
  - Zone #1: Palisades Avenue north to Alta.
  - Zone #2: Montana Avenue north to Palisades Avenue
  - Zone #3: Immediately north of Idaho Avenue
  - Zone #4: Wilshire Boulevard north to the public restroom
- 5) No more than two Medium or Large Groups may occupy a single Zone at any one time. No Permittee and/or Approved Instructor shall commence operation of a Medium or Large Group in any Zone that already contains two Groups of either Medium or Large size.
- 6) Medium or Large Groups shall occupy zones on a first-come first-served basis. No Permittee and/or Approved Instructor shall reserve or hold any space in any Zone prior to the commencement of the fitness or athletic instruction, class or camp.
- 7) These requirements shall not apply to any group only traversing through Palisades Park.

v. Palisades Park Small Group Permits

- 1) A maximum of 15 permits will be issued on a first-come first-served basis.
- 2) If more than 15 qualified applications are received during the application period, then a lottery or other allocation process will be used to fairly allocate permits.

X. **Memorial Park Gym**

- a) No person shall possess food, gum or drinks (other than water) within the gym.
- b) No person shall spit on the gym floor.
- c) Gym users shall not occupy court space which has been reserved by others holding City-issued use permits.
- d) A cleanup fee will be charged for any markings left after the conclusion of permitted events.
- e) Promotional signs or banners may only be displayed in the gym with permission of the Department.

XI. **Park Building**

When using a park building, a person shall be considerate of others by refraining from activities that may disturb other users, disrupt activities or damage the facilities. Persons who do not follow the rules will be asked to leave the building.

No person shall:

- a) sleep in a park building.
- b) solicit in a park building.
- c) deface or soil park buildings, materials or equipment.
- d) use a park building while intoxicated.
- e) disrupt the park building with noisy or disorderly conduct or with bodily hygiene so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other persons.
- f) leave belongings unattended.
- g) leave a child under the age of twelve unattended in park buildings.
- h) use personal equipment that is disruptive, noisy or unsafe.
- i) bring pets or animals in to park buildings (except services animals).
- j) bring large objects exceeding 24"x18"x16" into the park building such as bicycles or shopping carts (conveyances necessary to transport persons are permitted).
- k) use park buildings while barefoot or shirtless.
- l) remove park facility supplies, including but not limited to paper towels, toilet paper or office supplies.
- m) place belongings on furniture so as to prevent others from having access to seating areas.

**XII. Park Meeting Rooms and Auditorium**

- a) At least one supervising adult must be on site for every group of ten children under the age of twelve.
- b) No person shall attach decorations using tape, nails, screws, staples, or other methods to walls, windows or other facility structures that might cause damage to the facility.
- c) No person shall light a candle, incense, oil burner or other lighted device, except for temporary use on a cake.
- d) No person shall remove chairs, tables, or other equipment from the park facility.
- e) No person shall store equipment and/or supplies in a park building without the expressed written permission of the Department.

- f) No person shall use the kitchen appliances (refrigerators, stoves) at any park facility without expressed written permission of the Department.
- g) Persons shall clean-up after use of the park building, including decorations and food.
- h) No person shall use a sound amplifying system inside a park building without written authorization from the Department.

### XIII. **General Beach**

- a) Beach users must abide by the decision of the City's Public Service Officers or other authorized City personnel regarding the interpretation these rules.
- b) No person shall use, or play upon, a beach area when said area is posted as closed.
- c) Beach users shall not occupy a beach area which has been reserved by others holding City-issued use permits.
- d) No person shall place or use generators upon the beach, unless authorized by the Fire Marshall.
- e) No person shall place or use inflatable structures (i.e., moon bouncer, bouncers, bounce houses, or inflatable obstacles used in interactive games) upon the beach.
- f) No person shall place or use dunk tanks or carnival rides upon the beach.
- g) Beach users shall not produce loud and unreasonable noise, including, playing music, using amplification equipment or playing a musical instrument, which disturbs, injures or endangers the health or peace of others between the following hours:
  - 10pm Sunday – 8am Monday
  - 10pm Monday – 8am Tuesday
  - 10pm Tuesday – 8am Wednesday
  - 10pm Wednesday – 8am Thursday
  - 10pm Thursday – 8am Friday
  - 10pm Friday – 8am Saturday
  - 10pm Saturday – 9am Sunday
- h) Permit holders must display a copy of their permit when asked by authorized City personnel.
- i) Equipment and installations may not be used for exercise activity except for equipment designed for exercising. These include but not limited to light poles, drinking fountains, public art, benches, railings, fencing, freestanding signs, bike racks.

### XIV. **Muscle Beach**

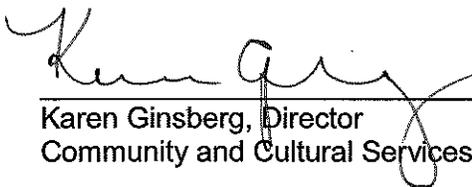
- a) Modifying or altering Muscle Beach equipment is prohibited.

- b) Persons occupying the gymnastics grass area, but not performing acrobatics or gymnastics, must yield to gymnastic or acrobatic users.
- c) No dogs allowed on the gymnastics grass area.
- d) The use of slacklines is permitted in the Slackline Park area only and not in the Muscle Beach Equipment Area.
- e) Slackline Park Rules:
  - Use of Slackline poles is on a first come, first served basis; ask politely if user is willing to move his/her set up.
  - The poles in Slackline Park are for slackline use only.
  - Children must be supervised at all times.
  - Smoking is not permitted.
  - Please be courteous to others and practice safety first.

**XV. Surf Instruction**

- a) Permittees shall comply with all permit conditions.
- b) The City may deny, not-renew, suspend or revoke any permit if the Permittee or applicant has failed to comply with all applicable permit conditions.
- c) Single Instructor Permits are issued to specific instructors and are valid for use only by the Permittee whose name appears on the permit.
- d) Single Instructor Permit holders may not hire, sublease, lend or otherwise transfer a permit to any other individual.
- e) All activities undertaken pursuant to the Surf Instruction permit shall occur only in the area designated for use by the permit, unless otherwise directed by law enforcement personnel, Lifeguards, or authorized City personnel to address safety or circulation concerns.
- f) No person holding a Single Instructor Permit shall instruct more than 2 people at any one time.
- g) All Single Instructor and Multiple Instructor Permittees must maintain a 1 to 1 or 2 to 1 Student to Instructor ratio in the water at all times.
- h) Surf Instructor Permittees shall ensure that activities carried out pursuant to the permit, including but not limited to instructional functions and setup of equipment, do not block or impede the flow of traffic in beach parking lots or on public walkways.
- i) Surf Instructor Permittees shall ensure that activities carried out pursuant to the permit, including but not limited to instructional functions and setup of equipment, do not occupy, obstruct or block any parking space in any parking area.

- j) All Single Instructor Permittees shall wear City of Santa Monica issued color-specific rash guards at all times while in the water.
- k) All Group Surf Instructor Permittees and students shall wear color-specific rash guards printed with the name of the Permittee at all times while in the water.
- l) Except in the case of Single Instructor Permittees, Permittees must display a City-provided sign with the name of the Permittee at all times when conducting surf instruction activities. No other advertising or signage, including inflatable signs, A-Frame signs, or balloons, may be placed on public property, including but not limited to the beach and the beach parking lots.
- m) All Surf Instructor Permittees shall have and maintain, for a period of three years, a liability waiver signed by each student or legal guardian if the student is less than 18 years of age.
- n) No Surf Instructor Permittees may supply any equipment to students, except a soft foam surfboard and/or a boogie board with a leash.
- o) All instructors in the water must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- p) No Surf Instructor Permittees shall sell or rent equipment to any person while operating pursuant to their Permit on public property.
- q) Permittees shall ensure that all trash generated through the permitted activities are placed in City-provided trash receptacles.
- r) Each Permittee may erect canopies on the beach, occupying a total area of less than 200 sq. ft., on the beach. Permittees shall not erect any tents or other temporary enclosures on public property.
- s) Permittees shall not use bull horns, unless in cases of emergency where use of a bull horn is necessary to request aid from emergency personnel.
- t) All Permittees shall have a first aid kit available on-site.
- u) All Permittees shall maintain on-site a cell phone programmed with the LA County Lifeguard emergency dispatch phone number.

  
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## SANTA MONICA SKATEPARK REGULATIONS FOR USE

Adopted by City Council on April 12, 2005

1. This park is designated for skateboarding, bicycle riding, and in-line skating during specified days and times.
2. Skateboarding, bicycle riding, and in-line skating are hazardous activities. Skate or bike at your own risk.
3. The skate park is a drop-in recreation facility. Children have the right to come and go from the facility and staff will not prevent children from leaving the facility. The City does not supervise park use or users and assumes no responsibility for them.
4. Skate park registration and waiver forms must be signed by each participant (if 18 or over) and by a parent or guardian (if under 18).
5. Scooters and motorized devices are not allowed at any time.
6. Skating on the skate park's curbs, sidewalks, parking lot, or entrance sidewalk is not allowed.
7. Persons entering the skate park when it is closed may be cited or arrested for trespass.
8. Helmets, kneepads and elbow pads are required to be worn in the skate park. Failure to wear helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads in the skate park may result in loss of skate park privileges and/or removal from the park. Any person failing to do so will be subject to citation. All equipment used by participants must be in good condition and must not damage the skate park or its structures, or cause injury to others.
9. Unauthorized pieces of equipment, obstacles, or apparatus may not be brought into the skate park.
10. The following items or activities are prohibited within the skate park:
  - a. Graffiti, tagging or other forms of vandalism or destruction of property
  - b. Glass bottles or containers
  - c. Littering. Trash must be disposed of in trash receptacles
  - d. Smoking, alcohol, or drug use
  - e. Intimidation, hazing, fighting, and antagonistic or disruptive behavior. Such behavior may subject persons to removal from the skate park and be subject to prosecution
  - f. Profanity (Including profanity on clothing)
  - g. Food and/or beverages
  - h. Gambling of any kind
  - i. Pets
  - j. Skateboarding, biking, in-line skating, or running, on wet surfaces
  - k. Sitting along the tops of the rails
  - l. Skating against traffic on ramps and pipes
  - m. Biking in the pool
11. All participants must use the facility safely at all times and avoid collision with others.
12. Spectators are not permitted in the skate park.
13. Shirts, shoes, and clothing must be worn at all times.
14. Participants wear jewelry at their own risk.
15. Special events or contests are not allowed in the skate park unless authorized by the City.
16. Users must be 6 years of age or older. An adult should accompany youth under 12 years of age.
17. All skate park users must have a Day Use Pass or a current skate park Quarterly Pass.
18. The City reserves the right to remove park users who violate these rules.

Participants are prohibited from performing stunts, tricks, or luge skateboarding on all other public property.



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## **Rules of Play**

Any person violating rules identified below as “rules of play” may be asked by authorized City personnel to stop the behavior.

**I. Tennis**

- a) When other players are waiting, play is limited to one set with a five minute warm-up; or one 30 minute rally.
- b) A 6-6 game score is to be decided by a 12 point tie-breaker.
- c) Courts are available on first come, first served basis during non-permitted times.
- d) One person cannot hold a court when two or more people are waiting.
- e) A maximum of six balls are allowed on a court, except with an instructor permit issued by the Department.

**II. Memorial Park Volleyball**

- a) All players must add their name to a waiting list and may do so for only one court waiting list at a time. Players may not place the names of other players on the waiting list.
- b) Players may use a court based on their place on the waiting list.
- c) Players may add their name to the waiting list again, only after they have completed the game in progress.
- d) Games will be played to up 11 points.
- e) Winning teams may play for 2 sequential games and then must rotate off the court.
- f) Players who do not abide by the above rules will have their name moved to the bottom of the waiting list.

**III. Memorial Park Basketball**

- a) Games are limited to a fixed (unless a player is injured) 15 minute time period or 11 points, whichever comes first.
- b) All players must add their name to a waiting list and may do so for only one court waiting list at a time. Players may not place the names of other players on the waiting list.

- c) The first 3 names on a waiting list may select 2 others from the waiting list to form a team.
- d) Disputes must be resolved by shooting free throws or by staff decision.
- e) If disruptive arguments between playing teams or players persist, staff will end the game.
- f) Players who do not abide by the above rules will have their name moved to the bottom of the waiting list.

#### IV. Beach Volleyball/Beach Tennis Court

- a) Play is on a first-come, first served basis.
- b) Court nets may be adjusted by the players, following posted instructions.
- c) When no other courts are available, only one court may be held with a 15 minute time limit for all players to arrive. At least one person must be present to hold a court.
- d) Players have the option to set up boundary lines and/or antennas on a court. Individual players are responsible for providing and setting up their own equipment.
- e) Coaches or trainers who offer training services, paid or unpaid, must secure the appropriate permits from the Department before conducting such sessions.
- f) After 12pm all courts are designated challenge courts if there are ANY players waiting to play and if there are no other courts available. An individual or a team may call challenges. The Pier Courts are Challenge Courts at all times. Challenge Team Configuration is as follows:
  - Teams playing women's, men's, or co-ed doubles, threes, fours, fives or sixes may only be challenged by other teams of the same team configuration, unless otherwise agreed upon by the original team configuration on the court. (e.g., a doubles team does not have to play against a sixes team unless it agrees to do so).
  - Upon accepting a challenge of a different team configuration, if the challenger wins the court, the court does not change court team configuration unless specifically agreed to by the original team configuration group, when accepting the challenge. (i.e., women's court accepting a coed challenge, if coed team wins it does not change the court to coed configuration unless original women's group agrees prior to challenge ensuing).
- g) Rules shall be appropriate to the level of play. Where there are disparate levels of play, rules shall apply to the higher level (e.g. hand setting). No referees are required. The policy will be to call your own fouls and settle disputes with a replay. CBVA rules are recommended.
- h) Portable nets may be erected on a temporary basis as long as guy wires and

anchors are clearly marked and the nets are erected in an area that does not obstruct normal beach traffic, lifeguard emergency access ways, or existing volleyball courts. Private portable nets are NOT subject to any of the restrictions listed above, with the exception of the first rule listed above.

Any behavior or activity that is unsafe, a violation of Santa Monica State Beach rules, or unsporting conduct is prohibited. Examples of unsporting conduct include but may not be limited to: aggressive, intimidating, abusive or threatening actions or language, profanity, destruction of property or fighting.

**V. Commercial or Athletic Fitness Instruction, Classes or Camps in Parks and the Beach**

Permittees and/or Approved Instructors must abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- Permittees and Approved Instructors shall be respectful of park and beach users
- Permittees and Approved Instructors shall be respectful of City staff
- Permittees and Approved Instructors shall be respectful of other instructors and their clients
- Permittees and Approved Instructors shall be respectful of residents and businesses

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