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Standards, Requirements, Regulations & Policies

The following standards, requirements, regulations and policies pertain to the usage of the Center by any and all organizations or groups. All non-Masonic applications for usage must have a Masonic sponsor.

General:

- A completed application must be submitted to the Masonic Youth Foundation office by all requesting use of the Center fourteen (14) days prior to use.
- Approval of parties is at the discretion of the General Manager, President or their designate.
- Masonic Lodges, Shrine, Concordant Bodies of Masonry, Eastern Star, Masonic Youth, DeMolay and Rainbow will have preference for use of the Center. Those needing a sponsor must have him present during the event. The Masonic Youth Foundation reserves the right to cancel a usage permit at any time.
- Any conduct contrary to the purpose of the Masonic Youth Foundation (i.e. use of drugs, profanity, intoxication, etc.) is prohibited.
- Approving use of the Center doesn't imply endorsement or sponsorship of the event by the Center or Masonic Youth Foundation. The General Manager, President or their designate must approve all publicity in advance.
- If any usage of the Center is to be cancelled, the General Manager or his designate must be notified. This includes non-use due to inclement weather.
- Groups that use the Center are responsible for leaving the facility in the same condition as when they arrived.
- The Center hours are from 9:00 AM to Dusk. All persons must vacate the premises when the Center is closed.
- The person(s) hosting a party or sponsoring a group is in charge of the party/group using the Center and shall be responsible for all damages to the facility or its equipment caused by the party/group. Remittance to the Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc. in full for repairs or replacement of damages once a bill has been submitted is the responsibility of the host.

Courtesy Passes:

- Courtesy passes may be issued to the immediate family members of an Active member of a Rhode Island Masonic Lodge. An immediate family member is defined as a spouse, child, parent, or sibling of an Rhode Island Freemason in good standing.
- Courtesy cards may only be requested by Active Members of a Rhode Island Lodge.
- Courtesy Cards may be requested via the application on the RIMYF.org website only and will be provided to the Member once approved.
- Courtesy cards are only good for the year issued and are non-transferable.

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Memorial Passes

- A Memorial Pass is granted to the spouse of a deceased member, and is a lifetime pass to the MYC.
- Memorial passes are requested by the Grand Lodge of RI, or the Lodge of which the Brother was a member, and will be mailed to the recipient by the RIMYC

Pets and Service Dogs:

- No pets are allowed upon the Center grounds at any time. Please leave your pets at home as many adults and children go barefoot while at the Center.
- Service dogs, as described by ADA standards and RI Law, are welcome in the park.
- A service animal must be under the control of its handler. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless the individual's disability prevents using these devices or these devices interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of tasks. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.
- If the dog is out of control or aggressive towards other guests, and the handler does not take effective action to control it, you will be asked to remove the dog from the property.
- YOU are responsible for cleaning up after your dog.
- Emotional Support pets do not meet the ADA or State standards of a service dog.

Check-In and Parking:

- All Members, Guests, and Visitors must check in with the park staff before parking
- A parking lot is provided. The Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc. and Center are not responsible for theft or damages to vehicles parked on the property.
- No vehicles are allowed off the designated parking areas (on the grass) without approval of the General Manager or his designate and then only when under the direction of the Center staff.
- The Loading Zone at the end of the parking lot is reserved for loading and unloading of vehicles only. There is a 10 minute parking limit in this area.
- Only those possessing a state issued placard are allowed to park in handicapped designated spaces.

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Picnic Areas

- You may bring your own grill or cooker to the park. Grills are no longer provided.
- “Turkey Fryers” or deep fryers are prohibited.
- Keep all personal belongings within the site assigned to your event, or areas designated for their use. i.e., Pool, athletic area
- Radios shall be kept to a reasonable volume and of a proper decorum so as not to disrupt other parties
- Do not disrupt other picnics/parties within the park.
- Trash barrels are emptied by the park staff. Please ensure that any trash you leave is securely inside the refuse barrels before you leave the Center.
- Picnic tables are reserved based upon group size.
- In the event of a passing shower, you and your guests may move under the covered pavilion for shelter. All food, grills, coolers, and other belongings must remain at your site however, as several hundred people may need to make use of the space at that time.

Decorations, posters, signs, etc.

- Prior approval by the General Manager, President or their designate.
- All signs must be of the proper decorum.
- All decorations, posters, signs, etc. must be removed prior to leaving the Center.
- No political signs or materials are allowed at any time.
- Stakes, pipes, or pointed objects are not to be put into the ground without prior approval. Electrical and underground sprinkler system are just inches below surface in some areas.
- Signs may be tied to trees, but at NO TIME will screws, nails, or other mechanical fasteners be allowed.

Alcohol/Drugs:

- The use of alcoholic beverages is limited to a person or group’s assigned picnic area.
- This is a family-oriented Center so treat it as such. Be discreet. Carrying alcoholic beverages around in plain sight will not be tolerated. Keep it at your table or assigned area. Glass containers are not advised.
- The General Manager and the Center staff shall strictly enforce the guidelines relating to the presence of alcoholic beverages on the Center property.
- **Recreational drugs, INCLUDING MARIJUANA, are strictly prohibited on the park property. Anyone found using drugs on the property will be referred to the Warwick police Dept, and be trespassed for a period of 1 year.**

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Pool:

- **Pool hours are from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Weather Permitting**
- **Pool Policies are posted at the front of the Bathhouse and the pool apron.**
- **There are certified lifeguards on duty at all times while the pool is open. They are the authority at the pool, pool apron area, and bathhouse. All persons shall adhere to the pool rules and listen to the lifeguards. Lifeguard decisions are final.**
- **There is to be no drinking or eating at the pool or in the pool apron area.**
- **Running, rough play, profanity, throwing of objects, etc. will not be tolerated. Any person not following the rules will be asked to leave the pool, pool apron area or bathhouse for the day as a minimum.**
- **Re-admittance to the pool, pool apron area or bathhouse will only be granted by permission of the General Manager or his designate.**
- **The wading pool is for smaller children, accompanied by a supervising adult.**

Outside Vendors:

- Vendors performing a service on the park property such as (but not limited to) Food Trucks, Caterers, DJ's, etc. Must be prequalified with the park and have an insurance certificate on file for the season.
- For any trade requiring a licensure by the State of Rhode Island (Ex. Food Service) a copy of the company's current license is required.
- Vendors must check in with staff upon arrival, and remain in areas designated for them.
- All vendors are subject to approval for every event, and may not be allowed by management if the vendor may cause a disruption to other scheduled activities.
- The staff of the Masonic Youth Center are not responsible for determining who may or may not use a vendor's services once in the park. Please provide wrist bands or hand stamps for your vendor to recognize your guests.
- Vendors must adhere to all State and Local codes and ordinances as pertains to their operations.
- Vendors who have not been pre-approved and scheduled for a date WILL be turned away at the gate. Any costs associated with the vendor will remain your responsibility.

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- **On-Site Catering**
 - Applies to catering made and/or served on-site. This would not apply to prepared food purchased off-site and brought in by you or your guests.
- **Food Trucks**
 - Food Trucks are generally prohibited from the park, but may be allowed for large events at the General Manager's discretion. Food trucks will only be allowed on specific sites if approved.
- **Tents and Inflatables**
 - Tents and Inflatables are generally prohibited from the park, but may be allowed for large events at the General Manager's discretion. **NO stakes or spikes may be used to anchor tents or inflatables.** Anchor weights, water barrels, or sandbags are acceptable.
- **DJ's/Music:**
 - DJ's are generally prohibited from the park, but may be allowed for large events at the General Manager's discretion.

Insurance Coverage – Applicable to all Vendors and Outside Groups:

- Outside groups (no Masonic connection) using the Center shall present along with this application a "Certificate of Insurance".
- If the Group does not have liability insurance already a separate policy must be obtained for the duration of time while using the Center.
- No outside group will be permitted usage of the Center without the Certificate of Insurance being turned in prior to the day(s) of usage.
- The Masonic Youth Foundation Inc. requires a certificate of insurance must be issued with a liability limit of at least one (1) million dollars naming as additionally named insured for the day or days of use the:
 - RI Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc. 2115 Broad St. Cranston, RI 02905
 - RI Masonic Youth Center. 116 Long St. Warwick, RI 02886
 - The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. 222 Taunton Ave. East Providence, RI 02914
 - Masonic Grand Lodge Charities of Rhode Island Inc. 222 Taunton Ave. East Providence, RI 02914
 - Rhode Island Shriners. One Rhodes Place. Cranston, RI 02905
 - Shriners of Rhode Island Charities Trust. One Rhodes Place. Cranston, RI 02905
 - Shriners International. 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, FL 33607