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Town of Hudson – Park Commission/Division of Recreation

Reopening Recreation in Hudson (Programs & Facilities)

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This document and the guidelines herein, were developed based on the [Memorandum from the Massachusetts State, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs dated May 18, 2020 Subject: Specific Safety and Reopening Standards for Parks, Open Space, and Outdoor Education Programs](#)

Ultimately, the guidelines, restrictions/limitations, and decisions on when to reopen facilities will be made collaboratively between the Hudson Park Commission and the Hudson Board of Health, based on that latest information published by the State of Massachusetts in an effort to meet the needs of our community, while prioritizing public health and safety.

It is important to note that the Town of Hudson reserves the right to impose stricter guidelines and restrictions/limitations where appropriate, if and when necessary. Additionally, all Town of Hudson/Park Commission/Division of Recreation Park Rules and Regulations continue to remain in effect.

General:

UNIVERSAL REGULATIONS (applies to all Recreation Facilities)

- Face Coverings and Masks: All visitors are to comply with [COVID-19 Order 31](#): Order Requiring Face - Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible.
- Recreation facility users should always practice distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others and adhering to all site-specific rules, regulations, and posted signage regarding permitted uses.
- [Groups larger than 10 are not allowed to gather.](#)
- After visiting public spaces, users should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.

PERMITTED USE OF TOWN PROPERTY

The Park Commission has not yet made a decision on when they will consider and/or authorize permitted facility use. They are in the process of discussing this matter with the Hudson BOH. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

-Public Restrooms, including portable restrooms, are not currently available at any recreation facilities.

PICNIC AREAS

-Picnic Tables located at recreation facilities should not be used until further notice, as there are no means to provide proper sanitation between uses.

TRASH

-Limited trash receptacles and removal services are available at this time across all recreation facilities.
-Recreation facility users should adhere to a strict Carry In, Carry Out practice and take waste with them.
-Trash is only to be left where Town of Hudson trash receptacles are located. Leaving trash or littering is punishable by fine.

Programs:**SUMMER CONCERTS**

Hudson Recreation continues to consider running its summer concert series during the summer of 2020. However, no concerts will take place prior to July 5th and the likelihood of concerts running after July 5th is uncertain at this time. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Hudson Recreation continues to consider running limited and modified summer programs during the summer of 2020 (in anticipation of additional guidelines expected to be released in early June). However, no programs will take place prior to July 5th and the likelihood of programs running after July 5th is uncertain at this time. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Facilities:**PLAYGROUNDS**

-Playgrounds in Town remain CLOSED until further notice.

BASKETBALL COURTS

-All Basketball courts remain closed at this time.

W.C. RINK (DEK HOCKEY)

-The W.C. Rink remains closed for use at this time.

ASSABET RIVER RAIL TRAIL AND OTHER WALKING TRAILS

- The ARRT and other recreation trails in Hudson remain open for use and all facility specific rules remain in effect.
- Walkers and hikers should move aside and leave room for others to pass, to ensure distancing requirements are met.

MORGAN BOWL TRACK

- The Track remains open for use and all facility specific rules remain in effect.
- Those utilizing the facility should move aside and leave room for others to pass, to ensure distancing requirements are met.
- Given the highly accessible layout of this facility we have a large number of older users who frequent the site. We highly encourage everyone who uses this facility, to take extra precautions and wear appropriate Face Coverings and Masks to ensure everyone's safety.

GENERAL PARKS (WOOD, LIBERTY, LAMSON/TRIPPS POND, APSLEY)

- Parks in Hudson remain open for non-organized and passive recreation use.
- All facility specific rules remain in effect.

HUDSON SPLASH PAD (@ CELLUCCI PARK)

- Hudson Recreation hopes to open the splash pad sometime during Phase 3 of Reopening Massachusetts, however no exact date has been set at this time.

CENTENNIAL BEACH

- The Hudson Park Commission has decided to keep Centennial Beach closed for the duration of the 2020 season. Due to this unplanned closure, Hudson Recreation expects to begin the beach renovation project construction during the summer months, ahead of the original fall 2020 projected start date.
- Until construction officially begins (and appropriate fencing and signage posted), Hudson residents may use the beach ONLY for transitory purposes (such walking, running or hiking).
- Swimming, gathering, congregating or toweling on the beach is not allowed.
- Games including, but not limited to, volleyball, Kan-Jam, Spike-ball, football, soccer, Kadima, and bocce, etc. are not allowed.
- No Loitering, Police Take Notice.

DOG WALKING

- Although dog walking is permitted at many recreation facilities, the Park Commission does prohibit dogs from some facilities, such as but not limited to: Morgan Bowl Track, Athletics Fields, Courts and Rink.

- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and under the owners control at ALL times.
- All dog waste must be removed immediately.
- Failure to keep dog on a leash and remove waste is punishable by fine.
- All dog walkers and their dogs should practice social distancing, and users should provide appropriate space for others and/or their dogs to pass when necessary.
- Social distancing for dogs means that dogs not part of the same household should be kept at least six feet apart and avoid interacting with dogs and/or people from other households.
- Dog walkers should not share toys, treats, or other materials with dogs that are not within the same household.
- Dog walkers should supply their own bags associated with dog waste in the event there are none available on site and remove dog and other waste and dispose of it either in a designated receptacle onsite, another appropriate location or take waste home with them.
- Dog walkers should supply their own water and other needs for their pets in the event there are none available onsite.

SKATE PARK

- The Hudson Skate Park is open for use as those who use the facility do not engage in in physical contact with one another.
- Gathering and/or congregating within the Skate Park is not allowed until further notice.
- No Loitering, Police Take Notice.
- Users should sanitize hands before and after using the facility, not share equipment (before, during or after use), and clean and wipe down equipment after use.
- Users waiting to utilize a section or area of the park should wait outside the desired area until previous users have vacated the area, to ensure proper distancing and prevent accidental contact with other users.
- Given the small footprint of this facility, we highly encourage everyone who uses this facility, to take extra precautions and wear appropriate Face Coverings and Masks, especially when not actively skating to ensure everyone's safety.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

- Athletic fields can be utilized only for non-contact sports, with no shared equipment (unless users are from the same household).
- Permits are not currently being issued for group gatherings and users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games or tournaments.
- Dugouts, Cages and Bleachers all remain CLOSED.
- Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment (before, during or after play), and clean and wipe down equipment after use.
- Users waiting to utilize a section or area of the field should wait outside the field of play until previous users have vacated the facility, to ensure proper distancing and prevent accidental contact with other users.

RIVERSIDE TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS

- The Riverside Courts will be open on June 1st, 2020, daily from 7:00am to 8:00pm.
- Courts may only be used for tennis, limited to Hudson Residents (proof of residence required), by members of the same household.
- No Pickleball is allowed until further notice. More information specific to Pickleball, to follow in the coming weeks.

Additional Courts Use Rules:

- No practices and no pick-up games are allowed
- No other activities, including Pickleball, are allowed until further notice
- No more than 4 players per court. All players on a court must be from the same household.
- When engaged in play and while waiting, players should avoid touching other player's equipment.
- Players should sanitize their hands and equipment before and after playing.
- To ensure proper distancing and prevent accidental contact with other players, players waiting to utilize a court should wait outside the gate/fence until the previous players have vacated the court.
- This is a carry-in/carry-out facility. Please take all trash with you.
- Permits are not currently being issued for group gatherings.