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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 various Memorandums and Orders issued by the State of Massachusetts in response to COVID-19. For more information please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts> or <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-energy-and-environmental-affairs-eea-covid-19-guidance-documents>

Per the *Safety Standards for Parks, Open Space, and Outdoor Education Programs – Phase 2 Memorandum* from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), dated June 4, 2020: “Athletic fields, courts, and other playing surfaces at parks, reservations and open space managed by municipalities or other organizations for public use is available at the discretion of the city or town it is in and/or the managing organization.”

Ultimately, the guidelines, restrictions/limitations, and decisions on when to reopen facilities and programs 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 PARK COMMISSION PROPERTY

IMPORTANT NOTE: All organized groups seeking use of a field/facility must obtain a permit prior to use. Further, any unorganized groups of 6 persons or more, seeking use of a field/facility must also obtain permit prior to use.

Non-municipal permitted facility use of Park Commission/Recreation Facilities will not be authorized until July 6th, 2020. Additionally, field/athletic facility permit requests will be limited to the following user groups: Hudson Youth/Baseball and Softball, Hudson Youth Soccer, Hudson Youth Dek Hockey, Hudson Youth Football and Cheerleading, Hudson MA Pickleball and Hudson Public Schools. All those authorized to use a facility via a permit will be required to demonstrate that they are meeting or exceeding all the Reopening Massachusetts Phase 3 Guidelines, prior to receiving a permit. Other groups/organizations not listed above may be eligible to request field/facility permits during Phase 4 of Reopening Massachusetts, however this remains TBD.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

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

PICNIC AREAS

-Picnic Tables located at recreation facilities are not sanitized. Use at your own risk and follow general guidelines above specific to face masks/coverings, distancing, group gathering size and hand hygiene.

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

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- Playgrounds will open on June 8th (This include Hudson Public School Playgrounds)
- Use is restricted to HUDSON RESIDENTS ONLY. Proof of residency required.
- Playgrounds are NOT being disinfected. Use at Your Own Risk.
- All Park users should have a face covering with them at all times.
- Practice distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others, at all times.
- If 6' of distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings should be used.
- Parents, guardians, and other adults are responsible for monitoring children to ensure physical distancing.
- Adults and children who are feeling sick or are recovering are not allowed to use playground equipment.
- Adults and children should wash their hands and use hand sanitizer before and after visiting this playground.
- No gatherings of more than 10 people are allowed.
- If playground is crowded, new arrivals should leave and come back or visit another park.
- Carry-in/carry-out facility. Please take all trash with you.

BASKETBALL COURTS

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- Basketball Courts will open on June 8th.
- Scrimmages, pick-up, and organized games are not allowed.
- Use restricted to HUDSON RESIDENTS ONLY. Proof of residency required.
- All Park users should have a face covering with them at all times.
- Practice distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others, at all times.
- If 6' of distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings should be used.
- Courts are open daily from 7:00am until Dusk
- No gatherings of more than 10 people allowed. If court capacity has been reached, newly arriving players must leave and come back later.
- If there are individuals waiting to access the courts, those on the court must vacate the courts after 45 minutes of use to allow others access.
- Users should not share equipment.
- When engaged in play and while waiting, players should avoid touching other player's equipment and

gear, including personal belongings.

- Players should sanitize their hands and equipment before and after playing.
- Carry-in/carry-out facility. Please take all trash with you.

W.C. RINK (DEK HOCKEY)

- All Universal Guidelines (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- The Rink will open on June 11th.
- The rink may close occasionally for on-going construction. When construction is taking place and/or construction equipment is on the rink, the rink shall not be used.
- Use restricted to HUDSON RESIDENTS ONLY. Proof of residency required.
- All users should have a face covering with them at all times.
- Practice distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others, at all times.
- If 6' of distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings should be used.
- Rink is open daily from 7:00am until Dusk
- No gatherings of more than 10 people allowed. If rink capacity has been reached, newly arriving players must leave and come back later.
- If there are individuals waiting to access the rink, those on the rink must vacate the courts after 45 minutes of use to allow others access.
- Scrimmages, pick-up, and organized games are not allowed.
- Users should not share equipment.
- When engaged in play and while waiting, players should avoid touching other player's equipment and gear, including personal belongings.
- Players should sanitize their hands and equipment before and after playing.
- This is a carry-in/carry-out facility. Please take all trash with you.
- Permits are not currently being issued for group gatherings.

ASSABET RIVER RAIL TRAIL AND OTHER WALKING TRAILS

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- 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

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- 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)

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- 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.
- Do Not Enter onto Beach property, No Trespassing, No Loitering, Police Take Notice.

DOG WALKING

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- 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

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- The Hudson Skate Park is open for use as those who use the facility do not engage 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

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below
- Athletic fields can be utilized only for general recreation, with no shared equipment (unless users are from the same household).
- Use restricted to HUDSON RESIDENTS ONLY. Proof of residency required.
- All Park users should have a face covering with them at all times.
- Practice distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others, at all times.
- If 6' of distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings should be used.
- No gatherings of more than 10 people allowed.
- Scrimmages, pick-up & organized games and tournaments are not allowed for contact sports in Phase 2, and any contact sport activities must be limited to no-contact drills and training exercises. *Contact sports are those where ordinary play puts players into contact or close proximity to one another, and include, without limitation, basketball, football, baseball, soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse.*
- Individuals should not congregate outside the field of play to avoid overcrowding.
- 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.
- Dugouts and Bleachers all remain CLOSED. Batting cages may be used. Use at you own risk.
- Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment (before, during or after play), and clean and wipe down equipment after use.
- Permits are not currently being issued for organized field use or group gatherings.

RIVERSIDE TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS

- All *Universal Guidelines* (see page 1) apply, unless otherwise noted below

- The Riverside Courts will open on June 8th for general TENNIS & PICKLE BALL use.
- Specific courts will be dedicated for both Tennis and Pickleball (see below).
- Pickleball nets will be supplied by the Town of Hudson and are not to be moved or relocated by anyone other than Town staff. *Pickleball nets will be placed on courts sometime on June 9th, exact time TBD.*
- Use restricted to HUDSON RESIDENTS ONLY. Proof of residency required.
- All users should have a face covering with them at all times.
- Practice distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others, at all times.
- Courts are open daily from 7:00am to 8:00pm.
- No more than 4 players per court at any time.
- No gatherings of more than 10 people are allowed.
- If there are people waiting to play, no group may occupy a court for more than 45 minutes.
- Those waiting to play must remain outside the fence until the previous group has left the court entirely.
- 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.
- Carry-in/carry-out facility. Please take all trash with you.
- Permits are not currently being issued for group gatherings.

