AMPHITHEATER RULES & REGULATIONS

To ensure the safety, enjoyment, and preservation of Washington Lake Park for all visitors, the following rules apply to all use of the Washington Lake Park Amphitheater.

Washington Lake Park was established primarily to support Washington Township Youth Sports Programs, which shall take precedence over all non-Township-sponsored amphitheater rentals, events, and other activities. The Amphitheater shall not be available for use during any scheduled sports programs, practices, games, tournaments, or related activities conducted within the park.

General Use

- The amphitheater is available for rental to non-profit organizations only during official park hours and only when sports programs are not in session.
- Organized events require advance approval from Park Administration and may also require approval from the Clerk's Office and Police Department
- The Chief of the Washington Township Police Department has the discretion to require additional Police Officers for an event and all associated costs shall be the sole responsibility of the organization.
- Public Works employees required for sound or other services, as well as any additional Park Rangers assigned to the event, shall be provided by the Township, and all associated costs will be billed to the organization.
- Additional portable restrooms may be required based on the number of participants and shall be provided at the organization's expense. Any required portable restrooms must be rented through the Township's septic vendor.
- Users must follow all park rules and instructions from park staff at all times.
- All visitors must comply with posted park hours.
- Parking within the park is limited. Parking spaces and parking lots cannot be reserved or restricted for event use.

Protection of Facilities

- Park property must be treated with care at all times. Do not move, remove, alter, or damage any Township property, including but not limited to seating, stage structures, lighting, landscaping, signage, or equipment.
- Decorations may not be attached to structures, railings, trees, bushes, or equipment using nails, staples, tape, or adhesives.
- The use of loose confetti, glitter, powder devices, rice, balloons releases, and similar materials are prohibited.

Noise & Conduct

- Amplified sound is prohibited unless specifically approved by park staff. Any approved sound system must be maintained at a reasonable volume.
- All sound must conclude by the contracted end time.
- No person shall engage in any disorderly conduct, harassment, or behavior that disturbs the peace or interferes with the enjoyment of other persons in the park.

Safety & Prohibited Activities

- Fireworks, sparklers, bottle rockets, smoke effects or pyrotechnics are prohibited.
- No open flames, including bonfires, fire pits, candles, or propane/gas grills or the use or release of fire lanterns, etc.
- No water activities such as water balloons, water guns, water slides, pools, buckets of water or dumping liquids on the stage or grass area.
- No alcohol, illegal substances, or smoking/vaping including marijuana within Washington Lake Park. Approved festivals require a special ruling from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- No person or organization shall arrange or operate attractions, including but not limited to, pony rides, dunk tanks etc. Bounce houses and inflatables, air slides of any kind are prohibited on Township property unless expressly approved by park management with proof of proper licenses and insurance.
- No person or organization shall sell or vend any food, merchandise, or product within the park without prior approval from park management and proof of proper licenses and insurances.
- No dogs or other animals are permitted within Washington Lake Park or at the Amphitheater, except for service animals as defined by law.
- No throwing objects to and from the stage or seating areas.
- No motorized vehicles including scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, rollerblades, roller skates, bicycles, or e-bikes on the amphitheater stage.
- The operation or driving of any motorized vehicle on park pathways is prohibited with the exception of emergency response, maintenance or official park purposes.
- Solicitation of any kind is prohibited within the park.

Cleanliness

- All organizations are responsible for removing trash and restoring the amphitheater area to its original condition immediately following the event.
- The Township will provide trash receptacles for general use; however, organizations remain responsible for the proper cleanup of all waste generated by their event.
- Littering is strictly prohibited. Food waste and trash must be collected and properly disposed of in designated receptacles at the conclusion of the event.
- Should an excessive amount of debris be left behind a cleanup fee will be charged at a rate no less than the Township's direct cost.

Liability

- Organizations using the amphitheater are responsible for the conduct of their participants, volunteers, vendors and guests.
- The park reserves the right to terminate any event or activity that violates park rules or poses a safety concern.
- Organizations must execute the Township's Amphitheater Rental Agreement, provide a Certificate of Insurance and sign a Hold Harmless Agreement prior to the event.
- Amphitheater rentals are not considered confirmed or secured until all required documentation has been submitted and all applicable fees have been received by the Township.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, clean and enjoyable environment for all visitors!