

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Accredited Organization: An organization or group that has met departmental standards and is, thereby, eligible to access Board of Education and/or Department of Recreation and Parks facilities and fields through the facility scheduling process.

Assistant Coach: An individual who has been given the authority and responsibility by an organization or head coach to instruct the team.

Coaches Association: An association established to work in cooperation with departmental staff in promoting and managing a particular youth sport. Each Coaches Association must have a set of by-laws approved by the Department that perpetuates the departmental philosophy, policies and standards for the respective youth sport. The officers and board of directors must be in good standing.

Community Leagues: Leagues that are run internally by a particular athletic association. These leagues typically focus on fundamentals and participation as opposed to the competitive outcome.

County Leagues: Leagues that are sponsored by the Department and are managed by a County Sports Supervisor. County leagues are given priority for facility use over community leagues and other recreational activities.

Facility User: Any group or individual that is permitted the exclusive use of a publicly owned athletic or recreational facility.

Good Standing: An individual who is in compliance with departmental policies, standards and requirements is considered to be in good standing.

Head Coach: An individual, who is at least 18 years of age, that assumes responsibility for the team to include but not limited to compliance with departmental standards, administrative matters and the behavior of players and spectators.

In-Season Sports: The Department has established a timetable for each sport that designates its primary season. In-Season sports are given facility use priority.

Recreation Advisory Board: A seven member board appointed by the County Executive for the purpose of making advisory recommendations to the Director of Recreation and Parks on matters relating to recreational and athletic activities and facilities.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Acting in a manner unbecoming of a fair, ethical and honorable individual.

DEPARTMENTAL WEBSITE

The Department of Recreation and Parks website is designed to serve the needs of our diverse customer base – park visitors, program participants, facility users, coaches, players and more. *There is something for everyone!*

Visit the Department's website for additional information and the latest "fun" news on what's happening around the County. Departmental forms are available to download for most requirements:

- Organizational Accreditation Forms
- Background Authorization Form
- School Facility Use Applications
- County Park Use Applications
- Pavilion/Picnic Area Use Application
- Facility Use Permit Change Form
- Special Event Information Form
- Youth or Adult Team Roster
- Youth Player Contract
- Youth Player Release

A Volunteer Database listing of all individuals with a completed background check and/or current coaches certification is on the website. This list is updated on a regular basis.

www.aacounty.org/recparks