

RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS

Effective December 1, 2006

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each of the twelve scheduling areas has a Recreation Association comprised of one representative from each accredited organization within the respective scheduling area. Membership in a Recreation Association is voluntary for all accredited groups.

The mission of the County's Recreation Associations is to disseminate departmental standards and communicate a consistent message that organizations and their players, coaches and spectators will be held to a code of conduct that promotes sportsmanship and keeps recreational competitive and non-competitive sporting activities in proper perspective.

The objectives of the Recreation Associations include the following:

1. Advance the level of sportsmanship at all levels of play.
2. Improve cooperation among community-based organizations.
3. Share resources to expand recreational athletic opportunities.
4. Sponsor youth athletic clinics and community leagues.
5. Advocate security and upkeep of fields and facilities.
6. Submit proposals regarding departmental policies and guidelines.
7. Offer opinions on organizational accreditation matters.
8. Make recommendations for departmental awards.
9. Address the unique issues facing the specific scheduling area.
10. Identify short-term facility maintenance requirements.
11. Assist with long range facility planning.

Recreation Associations are open to all accredited organizations and represent a broad spectrum of athletic and recreational interests. For more information about a Recreation Association, contact the Department of Recreation and Parks' Facility Scheduling Office at (410) 222-7315.

STANDING COMMITTEES/OFFICERS

Committees/officers will be appointed on an as needed basis. Committees/officers may include:

1. Facility and Field Use
2. Long Range Planning
3. Communication and Public Relations
4. President, Vice President and/or Scheduler

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING

A representative of each accredited youth athletic group is mandated to attend the annual Presidents Council meeting held in November or December of each year. Youth athletic groups will receive a notice as to the date, time and place for the meeting.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Recreation Associations shall meet three times during the course of the year. The meetings are held the same night as the Facility Scheduling Meeting for the respective scheduling area. A meeting notification is sent out approximately two weeks prior to the meeting date. The tentative agenda for these meeting will include but not be limited to the following items:

February Meeting: Election of Officers (if applicable)
Review of Updated Departmental Polices and Guidelines Manual
Review Matters discussed at the President's Council Meeting
Review Winter Scheduling Issues
Prepare for Spring/Summer Scheduling School Use Issues

June/July Meeting: Maintenance Projects – Solicit Items
Departmental Polices and Guidelines Manual – Solicit Recommendations
Departmental Awards – Solicit Nominations
Review Spring / Summer Scheduling Issues
Prepare for Fall Scheduling
School Use Issues

September Meeting: Maintenance Projects – Approve Prioritized List
Departmental Polices and Guidelines Manual – Approve Recommendations
Departmental Awards – Approve Nominations
Nomination of Officers (if applicable)
Review Fall Scheduling Issues
Prepare for Winter Scheduling
School Use Issues

All meetings are open to the public and all members of the Recreation Association will be notified at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

All decisions made by the Recreation Associations are subject to review and approval by the Department of Recreation and Parks.