

TOWN OF
QUEEN CREEK
ARIZONA

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 909-12 Youth Sports Partnership Policy

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Presentation Overview

- History and Purpose of the existing Youth Sports Partnership Guidelines.
- Recommendations to changes in Partnership Criteria.
- Recommendations for changes in Field Allocations.
- Recommendations for changes on Fees for Use of Town-Owned Facilities.



HISTORY

- Established in 2003
 - Rapid Growth/High Demand
 - Guideline established:
 - Partnership Criteria
 - Field Allocation
 - Fees



Purpose of Youth Sports Partnership Policy

Policy Intentions:

- Ensure fair distribution of sports fields in Queen Creek among qualifying youth sport organizations who serve the residents of Queen Creek.
- Goals are closely aligned to the recreational philosophy of the Town's Recreation Services.
- Are nonprofit youth sport program providers.
- Based in Queen Creek, and open to the public.
- Sole purpose is to provide organized athletic activities for Queen Creek youth.

The Partnership status is open to:

- Any organization that complies with the listed requirements in the partnership guidelines.



PRAC Policy Review Working Group

- Accelerate partnerships.
- Preserve existing partnerships.
- Best serves the needs of Queen Creek citizens.
- Decrease the amount of Town subsidy provided for recreational programs.



Key Areas of the Policy

- Partnership Criteria; establishes a list of requirements an organization must meet in order to become a partner.
- Field Allocation; establishes a tier system that dictates how fields will be allocated among users.
- Fees; establishes the fee that is charged to qualified youth sport partner organizations for use of town facilities.



Partnership Criteria

1. The organization shall be established as a non-profit organization as defined by the internal Revenue Service as a 501c (3) and shall have a State of Arizona Tax Identification Number.
4. The organization shall conduct background checks on all coaches and provide training for volunteers similar to standards set forth by National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYSA). The Town reserves the right to conduct spot audits on background checks and training programs.
5. The organization shall have a policy that permits individuals to file for exemption from registration fees to assist economically disadvantaged families.
6. Organization's membership must be open to the public, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability, as specified under applicable state and federal civil rights laws. The organization must operate exclusively for organized youth athletic activities.
7. Organization shall employ a "minimum play rule", must maintain a "no cut" policy, and have free admission to spectators.
8. The organization shall have and abide by a code of ethics that is similar to the Town of Queen Creek's Recreation Services Division's Code of Ethics.



Partnership Criteria (cont'd)

9. The organization must have written operating guidelines in the form of bylaws, rules, regulations, and/or written organizational operating policies and procedures.
10. The organization shall hold meetings on a regular basis with recorded minutes documenting actions of the board. The Town reserves the right to conduct spot audits.
11. The organization shall maintain financial statements, records, budgets and/or ledgers consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town of Queen Creek reserves the right to conduct spot audits.
12. Organizations shall maintain and provide proof of liability insurance at limits required by the Town. The Town of Queen Creek must be named as additionally insured and a certificate must be provided before league activity can begin.
13. When deemed necessary by the Town of Queen Creek, partners shall have a representative present at applicable meetings.



Key Changes Partnership Criteria

2. The organization's roster of participants should include at least **40%** Town of Queen Creek residents. Non-resident youth who live within the Queen Creek Unified School District boundaries will be included as part of the **40%**.





Key Changes Partnership Criteria (cont'd)

CURRENT LANGUAGE

3. The organization shall have an organizational structure that includes a formal board, commission, or governing body and is headed by a league president, director, or executive officer. **At least half (50% or more) of the board, commission, or governing body must be Queen Creek residents.**

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and staff propose the current guidelines state the organization shall have an organizational structure that includes a formal board, commission, or governing body and is headed by a league president, director, or executive officer. **Queen Creek residency representation must be on the board.**

Field Allocations

“In-Season” Primary Dates.

- **Baseball/Softball:** March 15 through July 31
February 15 through March 15 – Specialized Fields
- **Football:** August 1 through the first Saturday of December.
- **Soccer:** Second Saturday of December to Second Saturday of March

** Specialized Fields are defined as Baseball/Softball Fields*



Fees

- Estimated facility costs of Town-owned athletic facilities that are directly incurred by youth sport programming.
 - The estimated costs to the Town for lights are \$18.35 per hour, and \$7.23 per hour for field maintenance costs.
- Compared fees charged to youth sport organizations by other municipalities.
 - The cost estimates and fees varied from one municipality to another. Variables included but were not limited to cost recovery goals, council philosophies on recreation services, and vendor discounts on lighting costs due to volume, ie; several parks, street lights, etc.
- Evaluated the cost that could possibly be passed on to program participants as a result of increasing fees for youth sport organizations.
- Compared program prices of other similar youth sport providers.



Fees

CURRENT

- Youth sport organization partners are not charged for field use, but are charged \$9 per hour for the use of lights on Town owned facilities.
- The Town currently pays for 50% of light costs incurred by youth sport organization on facilities not owned by the Town, primarily Queen Creek Unified School District facilities

RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommends a fee of \$7 per hour for field use, and \$15 per hour for light use on Town-owned facilities to qualifying youth sport organizations partners.
- Recommends discontinuing any subsidy for use of non-Town owned facilities.



Consideration for Approval

PARTNERSHIP CRITERIA

Changing the existing 80% participation residency requirement to 40%.

- Current Language: The organization shall have an organizational structure that includes a formal board, commission, or governing body and is headed by a league president, director, or executive officer. **At least half (50% or more) of the board, commission, or governing body must be Queen Creek residents.**
- Proposed Language: The organization shall have an organizational structure that includes a formal board, commission, or governing body and is headed by a league president, director, or executive officer. **Queen Creek residency representation must be on the board, commission, or governing body.**



Consideration for Approval (cont'd)

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FEES

Adjusting the amount of subsidy the Town provides Youth Sport Organizations;

- Recommending a fee of \$7 per hour for field use, and \$15 per hour for light use on Town-owned facilities to qualifying youth sport organizations partners.
- Recommending discontinuing any subsidy for use of non-Town owned facilities.



Thank You

QUESTIONS

