

Mt. Olive Township Departments of Recreation and Parks, Buildings and Grounds Facility and Field Use Rules and Policies

Families or individuals may use FIELDS, if the field is not being used by a group with a permit. Rules applicable to non-group use are based on treating the field respectfully and are called General Use Rules.

General Use Rules for EVERYONE (General Public and groups):

- All debris resulting from the activity must be picked up and disposed of properly, including recyclables.
- Township Ordinance prohibits smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages at all Municipal and School fields and facilities.
- Parking is allowed in designated vehicle parking areas only. No parking or vehicles are permitted on fields and/or grass areas at any time. Please be considerate of residents who live adjacent to park and school areas; as parking is prohibited on their private property.
- Report all problems encountered with the facility of field to the Mt. Olive Township Recreation and/ or Parks, Buildings and Grounds Department within 24 hours of the conclusion of the activity.
- Fields will be monitored on a regular basis to determine playing conditions. Fields may only be used when conditions allow. To maintain the quality of the playing surfaces on fields, fields will be closed for scheduled or unscheduled maintenance and weather conditions. When the Field Closed sign is displayed, then the field is closed for use until the Parks, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor or a designee of the department declares the field "open" for play. **No one and No Group** is allowed to enter a closed field for a game or practice! Field closures involve safety issues.
- Anyone using a field/facility must leave it in proper condition.
- Ordinances concerning Parks, Chapter 176 of the Mt. Olive Township Administrative Code.
- Ordinances concerning Noise, Chapter 160 of the Mt. Olive Township Administrative Code. § 160-12. Prohibited acts.
 - A. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit to be made verbally or mechanically any noise disturbance. (NOISE DISTURBANCE -- Any sound that endangers the safety or health of any person or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities or endangers personal or real property.)
Noncommercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted on any public space or public right-of-way shall be exempt from the operation of this section.
 - B. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the following acts:
 - (1) Sound-reproduction systems: operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph or similar device that reproduces or amplifies sound in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance for any person other than the operator of the device.

Be a good neighbor – *when using a sound system (music, PA, radio, etc.), keep the sound levels low, so that the noise does not extend beyond the boundaries of the activity area. Special events have a specified planning procedure and must abide by the restrictions of the noise ordinance, unless a waiver is obtained through Township Council.*

These Rules and Policies are for GROUPS

The representatives of the applicant organization understand and agree to the following:

- Organized large group activities** are allowed by permit only. Facility/Field request forms must be properly completed and submitted according to the policies/procedures of the Recreation and Parks, Buildings and Grounds Departments.
1. The Field Status Hotline (voice mailbox) will be updated daily on weekdays by 3:00 PM and weekends by 7:30 AM for coaches or the applicant to call in and check the status of fields on a daily basis or when weather conditions are subject to change. The information will also be posted on the Mt. Olive Township web pages on weekdays. www.mountolivetownship.com, then click on Field Status or click on Township Parks, Buildings and Grounds.
 2. Fields will be rotated out of service one day each week. Your group's approved calendar that is sent with your permit will include this information.
 3. Activity(ies) will begin and end within the approved time frame.
 4. Specific and sufficient adults from the applicant's organization will be assigned the sole responsibility of providing security and deterring vandalism. Permit holders will be held responsible for any damage done through their use.
 5. Mt. Olive Township will require the applicant group to provide remuneration to the Township and/or the Mt. Olive Board of Education for damages to the facility and/or repairs/replacement of damaged equipment.
 6. **Ball Field rules for Groups: NO group is allowed to:**
 - a. Use the regulation size baseball fields for adult or girls' softball games and/or practice, or other organized group sport activities (i.e. No soccer warm-ups on a regulation size baseball field, infield or outfield).
 - b. Take away wet infield mix or to add any dry dirt or drying agents to the fields (without first obtaining permission from the Parks, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor).
 - c. Rake or move water and/or mud from the infield dirt area onto the grass areas.
 - d. Pitch practice from in front of the pitching mound on the grass area.
 - e. Hit soft toss balls into the fences.
 7. Mt. Olive Township Recreation and the Parks, Buildings and Grounds Departments retain the right to rescind this permit at any time and/or to terminate permits early to conduct park/field/facility maintenance projects.
 8. Permits may not be transferred to another party, nor sub-let to another party.
 9. Violations of any of the above may result in the cancellation of the permit and/or denial of future requests, and fines as established by township ordinance.

Mt. Olive Township Departments of Recreation and Parks, Buildings and Grounds Permit Application

Name of **Applicant/Group**: _____

A completed Mount Olive Recreation Field Request Form has been submitted with this application.

Purpose of the Event/Activity: _____

Date(s): _____ Location: _____

1. Number of participants: _____ Number of Spectators: _____

2. Age Range of Participants: _____ Number of Chaperones/Coaches: _____

3. Please list any items that will be brought into the facility (canopies, tables, etc.)

4. Will food be served? No ___ Yes ___ If yes, you must have proper permit/food handling training from the Health Department.

Name of Representative: _____ Relationship to Group: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone # Day: (____) _____ Evening: (____) _____ Other: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Other E-Mail: _____

Name of Alternate Representative: _____ Relationship to Group: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone # Day: (____) _____ Evening: (____) _____ Other: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Other E-Mail: _____

This permit is issued to the applicant listed above for the purpose of conducting the specified event/activity at the designated Mt. Olive Township or Board of Education facility. In accepting this permit, the applicants (for itself, its members and invitees) accepts and assumes the risk of all conditions existing in the area covered by this permit and the approaches thereto and agrees to hold harmless the Township of Mt. Olive and the Mt. Olive Board of Education, and its employees from all risks, liability, injury, damage, and loss to all persons and property arising out of or resulting from any use of or presence within the areas covered by this permit; and also agrees to waive and relinquish all claims and causes of action of every kind; and agrees to indemnify Mt. Olive Township and the Mt. Olive Board of Education, or any of the agents, employees or otherwise. We further agree to reimburse the Township of Mt. Olive and/or the Mt. Olive Board of Education for any and all expenses, attorney fees or other costs incurred in the enforcement of this waiver and indemnification.

On behalf of this group, we understand all the procedures, policies and rules associated with this request and accept the legal and financial responsibilities involved in the use of Mt. Olive Township and/or Mt. Olive Board of Education facilities.

Signature- Authorized Representative

Print Name

Date

Signature- Authorized Alternate Representative

Print Name

Date

Signature- Authorized Mt. Olive Township Recreation or
Parks, Buildings & Grounds Department Representative

Date