

MEADVILLE AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY

RULES & REGULATIONS

SECTION A. PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Enforcement

The following Rules and Regulations have been duly adopted by the Meadville Area Recreation Authority pursuant to the Municipal Authorities Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, said Rules and Regulations have been officially approved by the Council of the City of Meadville and the Supervisor of West Mead Township, the two incorporating municipalities of the Meadville Area Recreation Complex.

Enforcement of said Rules and Regulations may be carried out by the duly authorized Authority Staff or where circumstances dictate by the Police Officers of the City of Meadville, and/or West Mead Township and/or the Pennsylvania State Police.

2. Fine and Imprisonment; Jurisdiction

Violation of these Rules and regulations may result in the filing of a criminal complaint, which offense may constitute a summary offense and any person convicted of such violation shall be punished by a fine not to exceed three hundred and 00/100 (\$300.00) dollars, or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both. As specified in Title 18 Crimes and Offenses of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, there shall be concurrent jurisdiction with the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County, as well as the Minor Judiciary (having criminal jurisdiction) of any such offenses of said Crawford County.

3. Commonwealth Laws or Municipal Ordinances

The violation of any of these Rules and Regulations which also constitutes the violation of any statute of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or municipal ordinance may be prosecuted and punished as a violation of such state law or municipal ordinance, rather than as a violation of these Rules and Regulations.

4. Compliance with Order of Meadville Area Recreation Authority Staff, Failure to Obey

No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any reasonable order relating to these Rules and Regulations or to the control of traffic or motor vehicles within the Authority property, or with any other order lawfully given by the MARC staff.

SECTION B. DEFINITION OF TERMS

As used in these rules and regulations:

1. Authority shall mean the Meadville Area Recreation Authority;
2. Director shall mean the Executive Director of the Meadville Area Recreation Authority;
3. Recreation Complex shall mean all properties, real estate, and facilities controlled by or under the jurisdiction of the Authority wherever situated;
4. Person shall mean and include individuals, groups, organizations and corporations;
5. Authorized Emergency Vehicles shall mean vehicles of a fire department, police department, or ambulances.
6. Any words or terms not defined herein shall have such definition and meaning as set forth in Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code

SECTION C. PROTECTION OF RECREATION COMPLEX PROPERTY

1. Defacement, Destruction, Removal, etc.

No person shall remove, injure, deface, destroy or disturb any part of the Recreation Complex or any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein, nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, or other vegetation or fruit or seed thereof , or rock, or mineral therein, be removed, injured, defaced, destroyed or disturbed.

2. Defacement of Surface

No person shall accelerate a motor vehicle causing the rubber tires to spin, mark and deface the Recreation Complex roadway surface, or turf areas.

3. Littering or Dumping of rubbish or Garbage

No person, without the written consent of the Director, shall leave behind, dump, or discard any material of any kind on the Authority property except that refuse, ashes, garbage or other permitted activity may be deposited in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes.

4. Noxious or Deleterious Material

No person shall within the Recreation Complex place or permit to be placed in any river, brook, stream, ditch or drain that flows into or through Authority land, any noxious or deleterious material which

may render waters harmful or inimical to the public health, or to animal, vegetation, or aquatic life, or which may prevent, limit or interfere with the use of such waters for domestic or agricultural purposes or which may lessen to an unreasonable degree the use and enjoyment of such waters for recreational or other park uses.

5. Defiant Trespass

No person may enter or remain on recreation Authority property to which notice against trespass was given by actual communication, posting, fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to exclude intruders.

6. Criminal Trespass

No person may break into any Recreation Authority property or gain entry by subterfuge or surreptitiously remain in any facility or secured area at a time when that person knows that he\she is not licensed or privileged to do so.

SECTION D. FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, HUNTING AND BOWS AND ARROWS

1. Firearms

No person shall illegally carry or display a firearm of any description, or air or gas gun, fireworks, explosive, slingshot, or missile-throwing device into or within the Recreation complex or discharge the same therein: Provided, that a park policeman or other qualified law enforcement officer may carry a firearm within the Recreation Complex.

2. Dangerous Weapons

No person shall have or carry any dangerous weapon while on Authority property; other than qualified law enforcement officer may carry a firearm or nightstick within the park.

3. Bows and Arrows

No person shall release an arrow from a long bow, crossbow or compound bow within the Recreation Complex other than in areas designated by the Director as Archery Ranges or at such other locations as may be designated in writing for such purpose by the Director.

4. Hunting

No person within the Recreation Complex shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any way molest any wild bird or animal found within the park or rob or molest any bird nest.

SECTION E. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

1. Advertising, Signs

No person shall distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or distribute or place any banner, emblem or design or political advertisement, within the recreation Complex without the written consent of the Director

2. Sales

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing privilege or service within the recreation Complex without the written consent of the Director.

3. Disturbing the Peace

No person shall disturb the peace and good order within the recreation Complex by fighting, by quarreling with loud voice or shouts, by threatening violence to the person or property of others, or by the use of any tools. Equipment or vehicles causing unreasonable or excessive noise are prohibited. Games, contests or sports are permitted on in areas designated for such use.

4. Unlawful Assemblage

No person or persons shall within the Recreation Complex collect a group or a crowd for unlawful purposes or in riotous assemblage or with the intent to annoy, harass or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person or persons.

5. Abusive Language

No person shall use obscene, profane or abusive language within the Recreation Complex.

6. Assault

No person shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another while within the Recreation Complex, or within the Recreation Complex be engaged in, or abet or aid in, any fight, quarrel or other disturbance.

7. Intoxicating Beverages, Wine, Malt or Brewed Beverages (Beer)

No person shall within the recreation Complex sell, offer for sale, possess or consume any intoxicating beverage, and under no circumstances whatsoever shall any person be manifestly under the

influence of any intoxicating beverage.

8. Usage of Illegal Drugs

No person shall ingest or possess any type of illegal drug or controlled substance (as defined in the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act) within the Recreation Complex.

9. Entering Toilet/Locker room Facilities

No persons, except Recreation Complex maintenance employees in the performance of their official duties, shall enter a toilet or locker room facility within the complex set aside for members of the opposite sex.

10. Indecent Conduct and Exposure

No person shall appear within the Recreation Complex in a state of nudity, or therein commit, perform or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior and no person shall within the Recreation Complex make any indecent exposure of his or her person.

11. Solicitation

No person shall within the Recreation Complex solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform or engage in, any unlawful, lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior.

12. Dangerous Activities

No person shall within the Recreation Complex or on Recreation Complex grounds, exhibit dangerous or disruptive activity, which in the opinion of the Meadville Area Recreation Authority staff shall endanger such individuals or be a danger to the health, safety or welfare of such or other members of the public as are utilizing the facilities of the Meadville Area Recreation Authority.

SECTION F. REGULATED ACTIVITIES

1. Fires

a. No person shall start a fire within the Recreation Complex, except small fires for culinary purposes in park grills or privately owned grills.

b. All permitted fires within the Recreation Complex shall be extinguished by the person or persons starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire/hot coals.

2. Camping

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the Recreation Complex without the written consent of the Director.

3. Pets

- a. No person shall being within the Recreation Complex, or permit, have or keep within the park, any dog, cat or other animal destructive to birds or other wild life: Provided, that dogs and cats shall be permitted in the park if they are controlled at all times on a leash not more than eight feet long.
- b. Only trained animals assisting visually impaired persons may enter enclosed recreational facilities.
- c. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after messes and for controlling barking dogs.

4. Swimming

Swimming within the Recreation Complex is permitted only in swimming pools operated by the Authority, and all persons shall abide by the swimming pool rules and regulations posted by the Director.

SECTION G. MOTOR VEHICLES

1. State Laws Applicable

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Act of 1959, P.L. 58 as amended Title 75 P.S., is hereby declared to be in effect within Authority property and on all roadways therein. The traffic rules and regulations set forth herein are in addition to and supplement the said Vehicle Code.

2. Speed Limit

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or be propelled along or over any road or drive within the Recreation Complex, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed that the posted speed limit and in on event greater than the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

3. Vehicles Prohibited on Paths

No person shall operate or cause to be operated any type of motorized vehicle upon any foot path or turf area within the Recreation Complex without the written consent of the Director. Violators will be responsible for all damages.

4. Motorized Vehicles

Motorized vehicles must be properly licensed to be permitted in the Recreation Complex and can only be operated upon roads and parking areas open to public vehicular traffic.

5. Demonstrating or Instructing with Respect to or Learning to Operate a Vehicle

No person shall use any part of the Recreation Complex for the purpose of demonstrating the operation of any vehicle, or instructing another person to drive or operate a vehicle.

6. Careless Driving

Any person who drives a vehicle in careless disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of careless driving, a summary offense.

7. Parking

No person shall park any motor vehicle within any traveled roadway in the Recreation Complex or at any location where posted signs prohibit parking.

8. Exceptions

Nothing contained in this Section G of these rules and regulations shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles responding for emergency work in the case of fire, accident, public disaster, impending danger or other emergency or to police officers in the performance of their official duty.

SECTION H. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Meadville Area Recreational Authority reserves the right to control the overall operation of the Recreation Complex area for the welfare, safety and security of the general public utilizing the Authority property, notwithstanding the omission of a specific itemized violation herein. In addition, the Authority also reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations from time to time, as necessary or required

