

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-2 -- 9

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 83-1-2, WHICH CREATED A POLICY FOR THE USE OF CITY SPORTS FACILITIES OWNED, OR LEASED, AND MAINTAINED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission, via Resolution No. 83-1-2, established a policy for the use of sports facilities owned, or leased, and maintained by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cooper City is committed to providing an extensive, year-round sports program for the residents of Cooper City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City lacks the personnel to provide such a program and therefore relies exclusively on the voluntary participation of local service organizations to provide the sports programs for both children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Recreation Director has since recommended certain amendments to said policies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1:** That Resolution No. 83-1-2 is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the words and phrases which are struck through and adding thereto the words and phrases which are underscored:

Section 1: This ~~The following~~ plan shall be referred to as the Cooper City Year-Round Sports Plan. Its purpose is to establish a plan for the organization and administration of all organized sports within the City of Cooper City. The Plan and any amendments thereto shall be approved and adopted by the City Council ~~Commission~~ of the City of Cooper City and administered by its designee. For the purposes of this Resolution, the City's designee shall be the Recreation Director. Any question as to an interpretation of said plan or the administration of the plan shall be exclusively within the control of the Council's ~~Council's~~ City's designee.

A. Recognized Sports Local Service Organizations

The City of Cooper City shall recognize the Cooper City Optimist Club as ~~the local service organization~~ to organize, supervise and deliver all sports to the City's residents.

All individuals residing within the geographical boundaries of Cooper City, as outlined in the attached Exhibit A hereto, shall be considered residents of Cooper City for purposes of this Resolution. Individuals residing in portions of unincorporated Broward County property and falling within the geographical boundaries of Cooper City shall be considered residents of Cooper City for purposes of this Resolution.

The recognized sports organization shall be responsible for providing a year-round, comprehensive sports program for both children and adults.

~~B. General Organizational~~

Any organization utilizing the City's sports facilities ~~that is recognized during the year by the City~~ shall have on file with the City the following:

- 1) Proof of incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation.
- 2) Proof of liability and accident insurance.
- 3) The name, address and phone number of a person responsible for all communication with the City and its designee.
- 4) League-approved rosters for each sport.
- 5) Criminal background checks shall be done for all who act in the following capacities:

Manager/Head Coaches  
Official/Assistant Coaches  
Board Members  
Commissioners/Assistant Commissioners.

The organization must operate in a proper manner. The organization will establish regular meeting dates so that it can properly organize the respective sport(s) and solve problems. These meeting(s) must be held ~~in a~~ on public building property. It is the responsibility of the organization to establish a governing board comprised of officers. The organization must provide the City with a schedule of its elections and within ten (10) days of any such election provide the City with the names of the newly elected officers. All members of this sports organization will be entitled to vote for these officers and be given ample notice of any election. The organization will choose one spokesperson per sport

to communicate with the City. All information from the organization must be transmitted through these persons to the City. This will eliminate confusion and will establish a one-to-one communication flow from the organization to the City. All information and/or requests from the organization should be channeled through the spokesperson to the City's designee. The recognized sports organization will be responsible for establishing registration dates for their respective sports. The dates must be advertised in advance to give public notice of the registration. Registration must take place at a on public facility property, ~~not in a private residence or business.~~ Plans for the registration place should be made in advance with the City's designee so space will be available for the desired dates. The recognized sports organization will be responsible for establishing registration fees for participation in the sports, subject to the provisions of paragraph E G hereinbelow. The organization, upon request, must be able to explain how these registration fees will be used to implement the program. The organization must establish guidelines and criteria for selection of coaches for athletic teams. The City shall have the right to inspect the books and records of said organization.

**B G. Year-Round Sports Program**

The following organizations are recognized as the sole agents to deliver that seasonal sport to provide a year-round program of sports activities:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Group</u>
Baseball	
A. <u>All Ages 5 to 18 years</u> <u>levels</u>	<u>and</u> Cooper City Optimist Kheury League Baseball. Divisions: T-Ball, Atom, Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Juniors.
Football	
A. All ages <u>and levels</u> -- Tackle	Cooper City Optimist Football, Affiliated with Hollywood Optimist League.
B. All ages <u>and levels</u> -- Flag	Cooper City Optimist Football -- Flag Division (intramural play). Both clubs also service the cheer- Leaders.
<u>C. Tackle Cheerleaders</u>	<u>Cooper City Optimist</u>
<u>D. Competitive Cheerleading</u>	<u>Cooper City Optimist</u>
Soccer	
A. Youth -- All <u>ages and</u> <u>levels of play</u>	Cooper City Optimist Soccer League, Affiliated with the Greater Hollywood

Soccer League. AND Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc., affiliated with Broward County Youth Soccer League.

Softball

A. Girl's Youth – all ages and levels \_\_\_\_\_ Cooper City Optimist Girl's Softball

B. Men – all ages and levels \_\_\_\_\_ Cooper City Optimist Men's Softball League.

C. Adult Coed – all levels \_\_\_\_\_ Cooper City Optimist

Roller Hockey

A. All ages and levels \_\_\_\_\_ Cooper City Optimist

Basketball

A. All ages and levels \_\_\_\_\_ Cooper City Optimist

The following is a guideline for each sport and on or about the time of year each will take place:

Baseball/T-Ball: League seasons will begin the second week of March and the first week of ~~September.~~ July.

Men's Softball: First week in July until the second week of August.

Girl's Softball: League seasons will begin the second week of March and the first week of September. ~~Third week in March until the first week in July.~~

Football: August 1 through November 15. Provisions will be made for post-season competitive play.

Soccer: ~~November~~ September 15 through March 15 for recreational and competitive play. Provisions will be made for post-season competitive play.

5 x 5 Soccer: March 1 through June 1.

Cheerleading: League seasons will begin in June and in August.

Roller Hockey: League seasons will begin in March and in November.

Basketball: League season will begin in June.

Adult Coed Softball League seasons will begin in November and in March.

It is recognized that each sport needs lead-in-time. Clubs will meet sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the season involved to arrange for pre-season practices. There will be provisions made for All-Star practices and special competitive teams after the league season. Any post-season play involving Cooper City facilities must receive prior approval from the City's designee. ~~No fees shall be charged for any post-season play.~~ If the organization plans any

special events which coincide with its seasonal program, permission must be granted by the City's designee, who may levy a maintenance surcharge to cover expenses of tournaments or other special post-season events.

~~No sports organization may put any restrictions on children who wish to participate in another sport. It is the philosophy of this City that each child be given the opportunity to participate in as many sports as possible.~~

#### C D. Sports Facilities

The City at any time may close a site, with due notice, which shall whenever possible, be at least thirty (30) days in advance unless emergency conditions exist, for a sport if it deems necessary. The following facilities will be maintained by the City for sports practices or games:

##### Cooper City High School

1. ~~North of Softball field (seasonal use only).~~
2. ~~Softball field (seasonal use only).~~
3. ~~Baseball field (upon approval of High School Principal. NOTE: Maintained by High School).~~
4. ~~Track, Football/soccer field (same as #3 above).~~
5. ~~Tennis courts.~~
6. ~~Basketball courts.~~

##### Pioneer Middle School

1. ~~Football/soccer fields (in-season games only).~~
2. ~~North field (seasonal use only).~~
23. ~~East baseball/softball field (seasonal use only).~~
34. ~~West baseball/softball field (seasonal use only).~~
5. ~~Tennis courts.~~
6. ~~Handball courts.~~
7. ~~Track.~~
48. ~~Basketball courts.~~
5. All areas used for multipurpose.

##### Griffin Elementary School

1. ~~One (1) field.~~
2. ~~Basketball courts.~~

##### Cooper City Elementary School

1. ~~One (1) field.~~
2. ~~Basketball courts.~~

##### Play Patch

1. ~~One (1) field.~~

##### Bill Lips Sports Complex 118<sup>th</sup> Street Park

1. Five (5) Three (3) baseball/softball fields.
2. One (1) T-Ball field.
23. Two (2) One (1) multipurpose football/soccer fields.
4. One (1) regulation football/soccer field.
5. One (1) practice football/soccer field.
3. Two (2) batting cages.
4. All areas used for multipurpose.

##### Cooper City Sports Complex

1. Seven (7) baseball/softball fields.

2. Three (3) football/soccer fields.
3. Three (3) batting cages.
4. Two (2) roller hockey rinks.
5. All areas used for multipurpose.
6. Four (4) basketball courts.

The City of Cooper City will maintain fields for games and practices. It will be the responsibility of the City to do all striping, dragging, raking, mowing, and all other maintenance items. At no time will a person from a sports organization be expected to do any maintenance to any field or court. All removal of water from fields will be done by parks employees. The City may at any time cancel, postpone, or delay any athletic contest or practice due to inclement weather or any other factor which might impair the safety of the athletic participants. ~~If possible, the City will contact respective sports organizations, for games or practices. This will allow time for the sports organization to contact the parties by whom the facility would have been used.~~

~~For the most part, the~~ The City will maintain facilities for the recognized sports organization groups at no charge to the organization groups. However, if the City deems it necessary, it may can assess a maintenance surcharge to the organization group to cover the costs of materials and labor on specific occasions. The striping of fields will only be done for games, not for practices. Striping will only take place if both teams are in uniform and there are sanctioned officials taking part in the competition.

The Cooper City Optimist Club ~~recognized sports organization~~ shall be issued an annual permit for the use of all sports facilities and shall not be required to pay a permit fee, under any circumstances.

The Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc. will be issued a permit for the soccer season, as established in paragraph B G. The Cooper City Soccer Club may will also be issued a temporary-use permit for use for non-season play in accordance with the schedule established by the City's designee. The Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc. shall not be required to pay a permit fee in either instance.

Note that the provisions hereinabove shall only apply if the organizations comply with the provisions of paragraph E G.

D E. Sports Facility Permitting Procedures

Generally, the use of facilities shall be governed by the terms of Ordinance No. 80-11-3 as the same may be amended from time to time. Any individual or group private club wishing to use a sports public facility may do so if the facility is available and after obtaining a park permit from the City's designee. However, any such use by an individual or private group will be done on a lease or rental basis. The City designee can at any time change the fee schedule for rental or lease of any facility. The following is a fee schedule for rental or lease of a facility or activity pursuant to a park permit:

Activity/Field	Fee
Softball/Baseball	\$4040 per hour, per night, including lights.
Football/Soccer	\$5020 per hour, per night, including lights.
Hockey	\$40 per hour, per night, including lights.
Basketball	\$30 per hour, per night, including lights.
Batting Cage	\$10 per hour, per night, per cage, including lights.

An additional charge for field marking prior to a competitive game will be:  
 Baseball/Softball \$2540 per game  
 Soccer/Football \$12550 per game

No All City sports facilities will be used without on a park permit basis. A park permit is a document issued by the City's designee granting the right and reservation of a particular sports facility field. Any use of a City sports facility which has not been scheduled already, can be used, after obtaining a park permit from the City's designee, on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications or requests for a park permit shall also be accompanied with a request to use any ancillary facilities to the sports facility. Authorized usage of any ancillary facilities shall be at the sole discretion of the City's designee. Any individual or group which has a permit for a sports facility can, upon arrival to the facility, ask any individual or group which is not scheduled to vacate the area. The right to use that sports facility belongs to the permitted user only.

An individual or group requesting a park permit for a single event during any twelve (12) month period (i.e. family reunion or religious institution picnic) is exempt from complying with the standards required of the recognized sports organization outlined in paragraph A above or the general policies outlined in paragraph F below. However, individuals or groups requesting a park permit on a continuing basis (more than one occasion within any twelve (12) month period), shall comply with all the standards required of the recognized sports organization

outlined in paragraph A above and the general policies outlined in paragraph F below.

All requests by an individual or group for a park permit shall be made to the City's designee at least seven (7) days, but no more than fifteen (15) days, prior to the event. Any and all outstanding invoices or fees due for prior park permits shall be paid in full by the applicant prior to the issuance of additional park permits.

E F. Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc.

The City Council Commission acknowledges the existence of a the youth services provided by the Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc.

This service organization shall be recognized as providing a soccer program which shall receive equal consideration with regard to the use of sports facilities with the recognized sports organization during the season designated for soccer only as stated in paragraph B C, and subject to the provisions of paragraph F G.

~~The City's designee shall approved the scheduled use of soccer facilities by the Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc. and the recognized sports organization no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.~~

The Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc. shall be required to comply with the same standards required of the recognized sports organization outlined in provisions of paragraph A B above.

The Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc. shall not be required to pay any fees other than those which may be charged to the recognized sports organization.

E G. General Policy Considerations

1. It is the policy of the Cooper City Council Commission that the recognized sports organization, the Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc. and any other individual or group using the private user of sports facilities on a continuing basis shall include a minimum of Ninety Seventy Percent (70%) (90%) Cooper City residents on or before March 1, 2003. the 1985/1986 soccer season (see section (a) below for transition schedule) Any non-resident participating in these any such organizations shall be charged an additional Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per child, per sport, per season, ~~to a maximum fee of Twenty-Five Dollars~~



~~(\$25.00) per family, per year, over and above the normal fees charged by the organization, which money shall be placed in a fund to be used for the maintenance of sports facilities and/or, in the sole discretion of the City's designee, used for sports officials fees. Cooper City residents shall have preference over non-residents to participate in these organizations.~~

Each organization upon completion of registration, shall present complete league rosters, including addresses and telephone numbers, to the City's designee, who shall compute the non-resident fee and send an invoice to the organization. The City shall hold the organizations harmless for any errors or omissions in the collection of said fees.

~~(a) Transition Schedule~~

- ~~1. On or before March 1, 2003, Beginning with soccer registration for the 1982/83 season, every organization, individual or group using sports facilities shall include a minimum of Seventy Eighty Percent (70%) (80%) Cooper City residents. For this season, each organization shall be granted a tolerance level of non-resident participation up to Five Percent (5%).~~
- ~~2. On or before March 1, 2004, Beginning with soccer registration for the 1983/84 season every organization, individual or group using sports facilities shall include a minimum of Seventy Five Eighty Five Percent (75%) (85%) Cooper City residents. For this season, each organization shall be granted a tolerance level of non-resident participation up to Five Percent (5%).~~
- ~~3. Beginning with soccer registration for the 1984/85 season, every organization shall include a minimum of Ninety Percent (90%) Cooper City residents. Each organization shall be granted a tolerance level of Five Percent (5%).~~
- ~~34. On or before March 1, 2005, Beginning with soccer registration for the 1985/86 season, all organizations,~~

~~individuals or groups using sports facilities shall achieve full compliance with the provisions of subsection (F)1 above.~~

(b) The City's designee Manager is hereby granted the authority to suspend, curtail, or revoke the privilege to utilize sports facilities of any organization who violates the provisions of this section paragraph F; and to waive or regulate any special problems that may arise in the implementation of this policy. An aggrieved party may appeal the decision of the City's designee to the City Manager.

2. It is the policy of the Cooper City Council Commission to deny recognition or give facility use, other than authorized park permits outlined in paragraph D, to any organization which duplicates a sport already provided by the Cooper City Optimist Club and/or the Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc.

3. It is the policy of the Cooper City Council Commission that any new sport must receive prior approval of the City's designee.

#### G H. Scheduling of Facilities

After reviewing the plans for practices and games submitted by the recognized sports organizations, the The City's designee shall be solely responsible for scheduling the use of all facilities described in paragraph C D above. ~~For the purposes of this Resolution, the City's designee shall be the Recreation Director. The organizations will submit the plans for practices and games at least one (1) week prior to each applicable season.~~

#### 1. Sports Arbitration Board

~~Whenever there shall be any disagreement with respect to the use of the sports facilities which cannot be resolved by the City's designee, said disagreement shall be reviewed by the Sports Arbitration Board.~~

~~The Board shall consist of the City's designee, two members of the recognized sports organization and two members of the Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc.~~

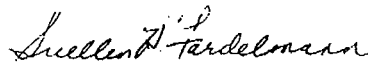
The City's designee Board shall attempt to resolve any dispute or disagreements stemming from the implementation of this Sports Plan.

#### H J. City Council Commission Obligation

It is the obligation of the City Council Commission to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of Cooper City. Anything in this plan is subject to the ultimate control and approval of the Council Commission, and the Council Commission has the continuing right to make any changes in the Plan which works to the benefit of the City and its residents. The City shall have a continuing right to withdraw the approval of the Cooper City Optimist Club and/or the Cooper City Soccer Club, Inc. ~~recognized sports organizations~~ if the Council Commission decides that the residents of the City are not being properly served by the recognized organizations.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in force and take full effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25th day of February, A.D., 2003.



SUELLEN H. FARDELMANN  
Mayor

ATTEST:



SUSAN BERNARD  
City Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Fardelmann	Yes
Commissioner Webster	Yes
Commissioner Kleiman	No
Commissioner Roper	Yes
Commissioner Eisinger	Yes