

REDLINE-EQUIVALENT SUMMARY

2026 Joshua Youth Sports Association (JYSA) Facility Use Agreement

Comparison to 2025 Agreement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2026 Agreement **does not change the City–Association relationship, but clarifies expectations, closes enforcement loopholes, and aligns responsibility with actual use** of City fields. Most changes were made to address recurring issues with off-season use, hosting of outside teams, cleanup responsibilities, and enforcement delays.

1. STRUCTURE & SCOPE

2025 Agreement

- Framed as an “annual agreement”
- Seasons referenced but **off-season use not clearly prohibited**
- Relied heavily on **past practice and informal coordination**
- Included a City Field Maintenance Exhibit that implied guaranteed service

2026 Agreement

- Clearly **season-based** (Spring / Fall only)
- **Off-season use explicitly prohibited by default**
- All permissions must be **written**
- Prior agreements, drafts, and past practices **explicitly superseded**
- Maintenance obligations clarified and **not guaranteed**

Why this matters:

This restores City control over scheduling, turf protection, and liability while eliminating ambiguity that previously allowed year-round use.

2. OFF-SEASON USE (CLARIFIED & RESTRICTED)

2025 Agreement

- Allowed “additional field use with mutual consent”
- No express prohibition on off-season practices or training
- Led to year-round use by default

2026 Agreement

- Off-season defined and **closed by default**
- Includes practices, games, scrimmages, clinics, camps, and training
- Requires **advance reservation + written approval**

Why:

Prevents uncontrolled wear, staff conflict, and disputes over “practice-only” use.

3. WRITTEN APPROVAL STANDARD (NEW & EXPLICIT)

2025 Agreement

- Referenced “written consent” inconsistently
- No defined method of approval
- Allowed disputes over who approved what

2026 Agreement

- Defines **Written Approval** as:
 - In writing
 - Via official JYSA group text or email
- **Verbal approvals and past practice explicitly invalid**

Why:

Protects staff, creates a clear record, and eliminates “someone said yes” arguments.

4. BLAST BALL & ALL-STARS (SEPARATED AND DEFINED)

2025 Agreement

- Did not distinguish All-Stars as separate from normal season.

- All-Stars often extended seasons informally
- Did not reference blast ball as part of spring season

2026 Agreement

- **Blast Ball:** Spring-only, part of normal season
- **All-Stars:** Limited post-season accommodation
- Requires **14-day advance disclosure**
- Cannot extend seasons, host tournaments, or expand without approval

Why:

Stops season creep and protects turf while still allowing youth advancement play.

5. TOURNAMENTS, HOSTING & OUTSIDE TEAMS (MAJOR CLARIFICATION)

2025 Agreement

- Prohibited subletting but did not define hosting methods
- Tournament fees applied per team but were easy to avoid
- No clear standard for “hosting” or “reclassification”

2026 Agreement

- Defines **Tournament** clearly
- Requires **50% interlock teams AND players** for JYSA rates
- Prohibits **proxy hosting** (using JYSA to give access to others)
- Prohibits **reclassification** to avoid fees or restrictions

Why:

Prevents outside leagues from using City fields under another organization’s name and ensures fair cost recovery.

6. FEES (RESTRUCTURED, NOT EXPANDED)

2025 Agreement

- \$24/player maintenance fee
- \$100 per team tournament fee
- Fee enforcement relied on end-of-season audits

2026 Agreement

- \$20/player per season
- \$80 per field per day for tournaments
- Light use and cleanup fees clarified
- Fees based on **actual activity**, not labels

Why:

Simplifies billing, improves transparency, and aligns fees with actual field impact.

7. CLEANLINESS & CONCESSIONS (RESPONSIBILITY SHIFTED CLEARLY)

2025 Agreement

- City responsible for trash removal during weekdays
- Association had 24-hour cure period for trash
- Led to disputes over responsibility

2026 Agreement

- Association responsible for **all trash generated by its events**
- Includes peanut and sunflower seed shells
- **Noon next-day cleanup deadline**
- City cleanup does **not excuse responsibility**
- Off-season building storage prohibited (except empty refrigerators/ice makers)

Why:

Eliminates recurring cleanup disputes and protects City resources.

8. FIELD PREP & TURF PROTECTION (NEW DETAIL)

2025 Agreement

- General raking guidance
- Allowed storage of mounds on infield or turf

2026 Agreement

- Infield dirt must be raked **away from grass**

- Pitcher mounds **may not remain on turf**
- Base sleeves must be cleaned
- No equipment left on turf or grass

Why:

Directly addresses turf damage and long-term repair costs.

9. CITY MAINTENANCE & FIELD CLOSURE (CLARIFIED)

2025 Agreement

- Included a maintenance exhibit guaranteeing routine service
- Closure language limited and procedural
- This leads to disputes over field maintenance schedules.

2026 Agreement

- Maintenance provided **as available**, not guaranteed
- City may close fields for weather, conditions, maintenance, safety, or City use
- Closures do not guarantee make-ups

Why:

Protects City liability and supports safety-first decisions.

10. CURE PERIODS & ENFORCEMENT (IMPORTANT CHANGE)

2025 Agreement

- Required **30-day notice with 10-day cure**
- Allowed ongoing misuse during cure periods
- Relied on warnings and repeated extensions

2026 Agreement

- **Removes guaranteed cure periods** for serious violations
- Identifies **non-curable violations**, including:
 - Unauthorized or off-season use
 - Proxy hosting

- Prohibited tournaments
- Reclassification to avoid fees
- Facility misuse or field damage
- Key misuse
- City retains discretion for minor issues

Why:

Serious violations cannot be “fixed later.” This change allows the City to protect fields and act when misuse occurs, while still allowing flexibility for minor operational issues.

11. DEFINITIONS APPENDIX (NEW)

2025 Agreement

- Relied on informal understanding of terms

2026 Agreement

- Adds a **controlling Definitions Appendix**
- Defines terms such as:
 - Tournament
 - Proxy Hosting
 - Reclassification
 - Unauthorized Use
 - Written Approval

Why:

Prevents loopholes and reduces disputes over interpretation.

WHAT DID NOT CHANGE (IMPORTANT FOR COUNCIL)

- Youth sports are still supported
- The City is not taking over association operations
- City still manages the facilities
- Enforcement remains discretionary
- No automatic penalties or fines
- No reduction in access during approved seasons

FINAL TAKEAWAY

“The 2026 Agreement modernizes and clarifies the rules we were already trying to enforce. It closes loopholes that caused repeated disputes, protects City fields, and gives staff the ability to act when misuse occurs—without changing the core relationship with youth sports.”