

## ORDINANCE 2021-1069

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL LEAGUES AFFILIATED WITH OR USING MOUNT PLEASANT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FACILITIES TO EXECUTE A LEAGUE CHARTER AND ABIDE BY A CODE OF ETHICS.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-19-101(22) of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Charter authorizes the City of Mount Pleasant to pass regulations that promote the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens to exercise a general police power; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Pleasant has determined that it is necessary and reasonable to regulate the conduct of leagues affiliated with or using Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department (hereby MPPRD) facilities, including Mount Pleasant Public School property (Maury County Schools); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee believes that such regulation will help assure the orderly and safe operation of MPPRED facilities, promote the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens, and be in the public's best interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee requires that all leagues that are affiliated with or use the MPPRD facilities, including Mount Pleasant Public School property, shall apply for and execute a League Charter.

**Section 2.** That a league may obtain a League Charter by executing a Youth Sports Charter Application, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 3.** The City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee adopts the MPPRD Code of Ethics, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, to regulate the conduct of all coaches, managers, supervisors, sponsors, participants, players, administrators, officials, parents, and spectators who are affiliated with or use the MPPRD facilities

**Section 4.** If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any exhibit or attachment thereof, shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, by final decree of any court of lawful jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, or of any exhibit or attachment thereto, but this Ordinance, and the exhibits and attachments thereof, shall be construed the same as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein, or therein, as the case may be.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage.

Approved and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

  
ATTORNEY

PASSED ON FIRST READING: March 16, 2021

PASSED ON SECOND READING: April 20, 2021



**Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation  
Youth Sports Charter Application**

League: \_\_\_\_\_

Field: \_\_\_\_\_

All leagues that are affiliated with or use the Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department (MPPRD) facilities, including Mount Pleasant Public School property (Maury County Schools) must possess a league charter through the MPPRD. The league charter serves as a mutual agreement between the associated league and the MPPRD/City of Mount Pleasant and states the league's responsibilities to MPPRD.

Application for a league charter must be obtained

from and renewed with MPPRD for each sports season (ex: spring baseball; fall baseball) 6-8 weeks prior to season start. Each application must be signed by the league president, vice-president, and treasurer.

Each league must present and abide by the charter requirements listed below. Failure to comply with any requirement will result in denial of the request for a league charter. The league charter will be restored upon the compliance of the league and proper corrective action of the league ensuring future compliance.

MPPRD and the City of Mount Pleasant reserve the right to investigate any and all complaints of wrong-doing, noncompliance of charter rules, and complaints about league operations. MPPRD and the City of Mount Pleasant will take appropriate action based on the findings of the investigation. If illegal activity is in question, complaints will be turned over to law enforcement.

**Please Provide to MPPRD:**

*Due 7 days prior to first game of the season:*

- This application completed and signed with requested documents.
- List of board members and their capacities. Please include emails and phone numbers.
- Finalized bylaws with changes from the previous season marked in red or highlighted.
- Detailed calendar of events; including registration information and participant fee structure so that meetings, registrations, and trainings can be schedule and published.
- A blank copy of your player registration form.
- Pay rates for officials, scorekeepers, and official assigners.
- Team names and number of registered participants per team.
- Copies of team rosters with players names and parents/guardians contact information.
- Participant fee of \$10.00 per registered participant.

- Sports application and background check forms for all board members, head coaches, assistant coaches, and parent volunteers.
- List of all head coached, assistant coaches, and managers. Please include emails and phone numbers.
- Option #1*: Signed copies of the MPPRD Code of Ethics by all participants, coaches, and parents;

**OR**

- Option #2*: in lieu of these, a Statement of Verification signed by the league president stating that the league has obtained these signatures.
- Pre-season budget/financial update.
- General liability insurance certificate listing MPPRD/City of Mount Pleasant, TN as additionally insured.

***Due 60 days after season ends:***

- Post-season budget/financial update.
- Any proposed changes to bylaws, rules, drafting procedures, and/or other changes.

**League Agreements:**

1. All bylaws and rules of leagues will be reviewed by both MPPRD and the MPPRD Advisory Board. MPPRD reserves the right to request changes to all league rules and policies if they are in the best interest of the tax-paying public and citizens/youth of Mount Pleasant.
2. League agrees to conduct an organized system of interviews/selection process for all head coaches, assistant coaches, and managers and have them submit a MPPRD Sports Application and Background Consent Form. New applications must be submitted by individuals for each sport in each season in which they desire to participate. The background check procedure has been approved and reviewed by MPPD. The background check process is conducted by MPPD based on the volume of applications and their normal staff duties, and the MPPRD has no control of this timeframe. Background denial lists will be sent to league presidents with updated approval and denied coaching applicants as they become available. Any individual whose background check is denied will not be allowed to function in any of the aforementioned capacities with the league program.
3. League agrees that anyone in violation of MPPRD Code of Ethics and is disciplined accordingly has the right to appeal before the MPPRD Advisory Board. Likewise, anyone disciplined by a league for infractions of said league's rules and/or bylaws has the right to appeal before the MPPRD Advisory Board. Any and all decisions made by the board will be final and will be enforced by the MPPRD.
4. League agrees to pay all umpires/officials at competitive rates.

5. League agrees to pay all scorekeepers/field attendants for any other league-sponsored activities, functions, or events outside of this time period at a rate of no less than minimum wage.
6. League agrees to pay any law enforcement and/or emergency personnel which they request to attend games/functions.
7. League agrees to submit all tax-related information to appropriate county, state, and/or federal agencies for accountability purposes and that this is the league's responsibility as an independently-operated body.
8. League agrees to abide by and enforce all MPPRD rules and regulations.
9. League agrees to abide by and enforce the following policies:
  - a. Sports Field Inclement Weather Policy
  - b. Field Playability Policy
  - c. Scheduling Policy
  - d. Code of Ethics
10. League Board Members will handle all scheduling of games, activities, functions and tournaments at all MPPRD facilities. Schedules created must be approved by the MPPRD Department before the season can begin. Schedules will be approved based on facility availability.
11. League agrees to work cooperatively with MPPRD on all issues, concerns, and functions regarding league activities and overall operations.
12. MPPRD may institute caps on programs based on facility availability and staffing.
13. MPPRD as well as League staff will help maintain all park facilities.
14. MPPRD reserves the right to cancel, alter, change, postpone, or reschedule any and all league functions if situations occur that require implementation of the MPPRS Sports Field Inclement Weather Policy, Emergency Procedures, or Field Playability Policy.
15. League agrees to provide an organized training program/orientation process for all coaches.
16. League agrees to have a board representative attend an annual League Presidents meeting. Leagues and/or MPPRD Advisory Board can request league board training through MPPRD if needed or if administrative concerns are found to be warranted.
17. League agrees to communicate in a professional and courteous manner with all spectators, participants, parents, patrons, officials, and MPPRD staff/employees.
18. League may conduct concessions on MPPRD properties with permissions from the MPPRD Director. If approved, said league will provide its own power source for large concession trailers, food trucks, etc. and will not tap into any MPPRD power sources in facilities around ball field complexes or score booths for these. Leagues will not unplug vendor drink machines under contract with MPPRD. League representatives will obtain a Health Department permit to sell any food cooked on event premises and will provide MPPRD with a copy of said permit in advance of event.

19. MPPRD reserves the right to change, alter, and/or add to this charter agreement requirements in regards to providing a safer, more constructive environment for all patrons.

By signing this, the League agreeing to all terms and conditions of the MPPRD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
League President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Vice-President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parks and Recreation Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation  
Sports Field Inclement Weather Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to guide the use of the City of Mount Pleasant athletic fields, to prevent injuries and damage to the playing surface brought upon by inclement weather and/or unsafe playing conditions. User groups are asked to help us by accepting and adhering to these rules. Groups who use the City athletic facilities are expected to assist in protecting their participants and fields during periods of rain or inclement weather.

The City of Mount Pleasant reserves the right to cancel or suspend outdoor facility or field use permits for games, practices and other uses whenever field conditions could result in injury to players or damage to the fields. Permits may also be cancelled when the health and safety of participants are threatened due to impending conditions, including but not limited to, heavy rains, thunder and lightning storms, or flash flooding.

The Parks Director shall have the authority to close any and all fields within the City of Mount Pleasant during inclement weather. City maintenance staff will assess the playability of all City owned fields to determine if use will occur.

By signing this, the League agreeing to all terms and conditions of the MPPRD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
League President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Vice-President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parks and Recreation Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Field Playability Policy

There will be no play on the City of Mount Pleasant athletic fields if any of the following are true for the requested field:

1. There is standing water on the infield.
2. Three quarters (3/4) of the ball field is damp to the point you sink in a quarter inch (1/4").
3. The field is too slick and too muddy prohibiting traction.

The Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department may be contacted for updates to field and weather conditions on Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm at 931-698-5158.

The Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department will not provide drying agents.

Determinations/decisions made by the MPPRD on field playability are not negotiable. The MPPRD may declare some fields subject to re-evaluation. These fields can be evaluated by the individual user group at game time for playability. The user group must use the same playability criteria listed above.

By signing this, the League agreeing to all terms and conditions of the MPPRD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
League President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Vice-President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parks and Recreation Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation  
League Scheduling Policy**

League Board Members will handle all scheduling of games, activities, functions and tournaments at all MPPRD facilities. Schedules created must be approved by the MPPRD Department before the season can begin. Schedules will be approved based on facility availability.

The MPPRD reserves the right to cancel, postpone, reschedule, modify, change, or alter any game or practice schedule at any time due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, facility issues, inclement weather, administrative functions, staff reduction limitations, or other programming functions.

The MPPRD will not guarantee that requested number of games and practices per week by the leagues can be met. This is dependent on facilities and staffing available at said locations.

The MPPRD may institute caps on programs based on facility availability and staffing.

Length of games and practices are subject to change and modification by the MPPRD based on overall number of league teams, league participants, and resources available (including both staff and facility availability), and other established rentals and special event functions.

Field and facility availability will also be based on the MPPRD Field Playability Policy and Inclement Weather Policy when relating conditions are present.

Leagues that have a license and charter agreement (Youth Sports Charter) through the MPPRD are required to follow and abide by this policy per its terms and conditions which they have signed.

By signing this, the League agreeing to all terms and conditions of the MPPRD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
League President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Vice-President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
League Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parks and Recreation Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





**Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation  
Sports Application**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ League: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Position:

- Board Member
- Head Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Volunteer

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained on this Authorization/Release form is true and correct, and acknowledge that I may be precluded from coaching due to false, omitted or fraudulent information.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a copy of your Drivers License along with these forms.**



# Mount Pleasant Police Department

## Michael Hay, Chief of Police

100 Public Square  
Mount Pleasant, TN 38474  
Phone: 931-379-1000 \* Fax: 931-379-1004

By affixing my signature below, I am voluntarily acknowledging and allowing the City of Mount Pleasant, Police Department, to conduct a search of the Tennessee and National Sex Offender Registry, all local and surrounding departments and all State of Tennessee criminal records for all violations, if any.

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please write legibly)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_

DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_

*"BLESSED ARE THE PEACE KEEPERS"*



**Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation  
Code of Ethics**

**Article 1. Rules of conduct for all Coaches, Managers, Supervisors, Sponsors, Participants, Players, Administrators, Officials, Parents, and Spectators shall not:**

- A. Curse (malicious or otherwise, verbally, written, or electronically via email, text, social media, or other communication or by physical gesture) at another manager, coach, supervisor, sponsor, participant, player, game official, parent, spectator, administrator, or official of the Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department (MPPRD).
- B. Push, hit, strike, or threaten (verbally, written, or electronically via email, text, social media, or other communication or by physical gesture) at another manager, coach, supervisor, sponsor, participant, player, game official, parent, spectator, administrator, or official of the Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department (MPPRD).
- C. Be drinking or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, or any controlled substance while on MPPRD premises before, during, or after an event.
- D. Act in an irrational manner or make a public spectacle or nuisance of himself/herself before, during, or after scheduled event.
- E. Violate the rules and regulations of the activity or program in which they are involved.
- F. Participate in any act that undermines league policy or procedures.
- G. Commit any infraction not covered under these stated rules but is a violation of league or MPPRD Rules and Regulations, Bylaws, or League-amended procedures, guidelines, and/or game rules (example: being ejected from a basketball game due to having two (2) technical fouls).

**Article 2. Penalties**

**Violations of *Rule A***

- a. First Offense – Dismissal from the sponsoring program for the remainder of the season and post season activities. If violation of the rule in the latter part of the program (twenty percent or less of the season or post season), the penalty shall carry over to the next season of the sponsoring program – No appeal.
- b. Second Offense – Dismissal from Mount Pleasant Ball Fields for one (1) year.
- c. Third Offense – Permanent dismissal from all Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department (MPPRD) Youth Sports Program activities.

**Violations of *Rules B, C, D***

- a. First Offense – Dismissal from Mount Pleasant Ball Fields for one (1) year.
- b. Second Offense – Permanent dismissal from all Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department (MPPRD) Youth Sports Program activities.

**Violations of *Rules E & F***

- a. First Offense –
  - i. Players, coaches, managers, and umpires: Dismissal for three (3) weeks.
  - ii. Spectators: Dismissed from all Mount Pleasant Ball Fields for one (1) month.

- b. Second Offense – Dismissal from Mount Pleasant Ball Fields for one (1) year.
- c. Third Offense - Permanent dismissal from all Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department (MPPRD) Youth Sports Program activities.

**Violations of Rule G**

- a. First Offense – Dismissed for one (1) game and one (1) week from the dismissal; no contact with team until suspension is lifted.
- b. Second Offense – Dismissal from the sponsored program for the remainder of the season.

*Anyone in violation of the MPPRD Code of Ethics who has been disciplined accordingly has the right to appeal before the MPPRD Advisory Board. Likewise, anyone disciplined by a league for infractions of said league’s rules and/or bylaws has the right to appeal before the MPPRD Advisory Board. Any and all decisions made by the MPPRD Advisor Board will be final and will be enforced.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date