



City of Needles, California
Request for Commission Action

[X] CITY COUNCIL [ ] PARKS AND RECREATION

[X] Regular [ ] Special

Meeting Date: October 08, 2024

Title: Review and approve Parks & Recreation Commissions recommended changes to the Youth Sport Handbook

Background: The Parks & Recreation Commission established a Youth Sports Handbook in 2007. The handbook covers all code of ethics for players, parents and coaches. It includes guidelines and rules for each of the youth sports offered in Recreation. The last time the handbook was revised was in 2018. The Commission met on Monday, August 19, 2024, and a lengthy discussion was had regarding the changes provided in the staff report based on input from Recreation Service Manager, coaches and parents in the past seasons. Below are the approved changes from the Parks & Recreation Commission excluding Page 6, #4, Attachment 'A' in Group A and B (see attachment). The Commission could not agree on what changes, if any, to the Groups lists. A motion was made with no 2nd, so motion did not pass, to move felony and aggravated assault to Group A. Group A convictions do not allow a volunteer to coach in our youth sports and Group B must be approved by the Commission prior. Minute Actions attached amended Group B to have a time limit within the last 5 years.

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- a. Season Information: 2nd bullet - Pee Wee Basketball is conducted June - July. 3rd bullet - Pee Wee Soccer is conducted October - November. Add an 11th bullet - 6th graders that play on a school sports team will be required to play in the 'A' Division (A Division Basketball schedule is designed to accommodate the NMS games allowing players playing in both leagues to make games in each league.)

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- b. Facilities: 3rd bullet - Pee Wee Soccer may use Duke Watkins Field and/or Franz Flowers Field for practices. Games will be played at Franz Flowers Field. d. Games: 5th bullet - Flag Football games will be played on Duke Watkins Field

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2nd bullet - Pee Wee Soccer games will be played at Franz Flowers Field

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- a. Screening Process - 3. Pass a criminal background check and fingerprinted (California DOJ) yearly 4. Review and make changes if any to the Attachment 'A' in Group A and B (see handbook)

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Flag Football League Rules

1) Rules

- E. If a team is leading by a score of 14 points or more, they may continue to score, but the score will not be recorded on the scoreboard until the opposing team is once again within 14 points and a running clock will be used

Fiscal Impact: Costs minimal. Handbooks printed in-house

Critical Timeline: Fall Sports begin in October 2024.

Recommendation: Approve recommended changes to the Youth Sports Handbook.

Submitted By: Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Service Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J Martinez

Date: 10/3/2024

Other Department Approval (when required):

Date:

Approved: [ ]

Not Approved: [ ]

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Other: [ ]

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