

CITY OF WHITEWATER POLICY		TITLE: Facility Rental & Reservation Policy
POLICY SOURCE: Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Board Approval Date: 11/10/08 Most Recently Revised: 1/20/20	TEXT NAME: G:\Park & Rec\Policy\ Facility Rental & Reservation Policy

I. PURPOSE

The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department schedules, maintains, rents, and reserves indoor facilities, park shelters, and outdoor athletic facilities to the general Whitewater community and surrounding area. These facilities, which include the Downtown Armory, Starin Community Building, Cravath Lakefront Community Center, ball diamonds, soccer fields and tennis courts, are located in City parks and also on city property. The Parks and Recreation Department will schedule these facilities for its own programs, the Whitewater Unified School District, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and other private and not-for-profit groups and organizations. These other groups and organizations include, but are not limited to: Traveling Basketball, Traveling Baseball/Softball, and the Whitewater Soccer Club. The following policies and procedures have been developed to facilitate the scheduling of athletic facilities by all organizations.

II. SCHEDULING PRIORITIES

The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department will determine capacity limits for all facilities consistent with established and accepted standards to maintain facilities for continued use. These capacities will be utilized when scheduling activities and may impact the availability of facilities for reservations.

The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department schedules and reserves facilities according to the following priorities:

1. All Whitewater Parks and Recreation programs (games, scheduled practices, matches, camps, and instructional programs) will be the first programs scheduled at facilities that are managed/maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Whitewater Unified School District programs/athletic events will be the second programs scheduled at facilities managed/maintained by the City.
3. Private and/or not-for-profit groups and organizations which reserved facilities managed/maintained by the City will have their programs and events scheduled after all Parks and Recreation and School District programs have been scheduled.

III. GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

Group 1 No Charge

Partner Organizations will not be charged a facility rental fee for their facility usage provided that their facility use is for the purposes of holding an organization meeting, practice, game, etc. Partner organizations provide a charitable good to the Whitewater community.

Exception: Any event serving alcohol will be required to pay 100 % of rental fee.

Partner List:

Tax Funded Organizations:

City of Whitewater
Whitewater Unified School District
Chamber of Commerce
Downtown Whitewater
Whitewater Tourism Council
Whitewater Arts Alliance
Whitewater Historical Society

Local Community Program Providers:

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Special Olympics
Relay for Life (ACS)
4th of July Committee
Local Registered Political Parties
Walworth County Health Services
Whitewater 4H / Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts
Alcoholics Anonymous
AWANA
Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin
American Red Cross Blood Drive

Local Civic/Charitable Groups:

Kiwanis Club (Breakfast/Noon/Circle K) Knights of Columbus Lions Club
League of Women Voters Optimists

Note: To be added or considered as a partner organization, please submit a letter of request to the Parks & Recreation Director. Decisions will be based on charitable contribution to the community and/or services provided to youth in our local community.

Group 2 50% of Listed Fee

Religious Organizations,
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Recognized Organizations, Groups, Schools, Athletic
Events not serving food or beverages that are free to the public

Group 3 Listed Fee

Any non-partner event. Any partner event serving food and/or alcohol, or charging admission.
All Group 3 Reservations will not receive a key for the facility. A rental attendant will meet them at the facility and open the building, explain regulations, and answer questions. -

Long Term Rental Discount

Rental Groups interested in special rates based on continuous use must enter request 10 days prior to the month they are requesting use to the Parks and Recreation Director, who shall present an agreement to the Parks and Recreation Board for their approval at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

IV. FEES & CHARGES

The facilities listed below must be rented a minimum of four (4) hours. Online reservations will be posted in four (4), eight (8), and sixteen (16) hour blocks. Requests outside of these blocks should be addressed with Parks and Recreation staff. A \$200 damage deposit is required for these facilities. A \$350.00 Damage deposit required for Armory Gym

Building Rentals	Capacity	Hourly Resident Fee	Hourly Non-Resident Fee
Cravath Lakefront Community Center	100	\$44.50	\$55.00

Starin Park Community Building	100	\$33.00	\$41.50
Armory Gym & Kitchen	300	\$33.00	\$41.50
Armory Dance Studio	25	\$33.00	\$41.50

The facilities listed below are rented for an entire day, from 6am – 11pm. No damage deposit is required for park shelter reservations.

Picnic Shelter Rentals	Capacity	Daily Resident Fee	Daily Non-Resident Fee
Cravath Lake Picnic Shelter	100	\$66.00	\$82.50
Trippe Lake Shelter (beach)	40	\$76.50	\$96.00
Trippe Lake Picnic Shelter	75	\$55.00	\$68.00
Starin Park Upper Shelter	100	\$55.00	\$68.00
Starin Park Lower Shelter	100	\$55.00	\$55.00
Frawley Family Amphitheater		\$113.50	\$144.50

Athletic Facilities	Per Hour Resident Fee	Per Hour Non-Resident Fee
FCCU Diamond, Southern Lakes Diamond, Kachel Diamond	\$20.00	25.00
Starin Treyton's Field of Dreams	\$50.00	\$75.00
Starin Ball Diamond Complex (All 4 fields)	\$100.00	\$125.00
Moraine View Soccer Field	\$20.00	\$25.00
Moraine View Fields (All 7)	\$100.00	\$125.00
Any City Park (not listed above)	\$53.00	\$66.25

V. RULES & REGULATIONS

- Full payment is required at the time of the reservation.
- Groups 1 & 2 must pick-up keys during normal business hours.
- The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to deny programs and/or special events which conflict with existing programs, use facilities for an event the facilities were not intended, or cause undue hardship on the facility and/or surrounding area. The availability of facilities for Class 1 may be limited based on requests and other rentals.
- All groups must reserve the building for times needed including set-up and clean-up. In most cases, the contracted cleaning company will arrive at your scheduled completion time.
- All requests for facility rental refunds must be submitted in writing to the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Damage Deposits:
 - A \$200 damage deposit is required for all Groups 2 and 3 reservations when reserving the Starin Community Building, or Cravath Lakefront Center.
 - Downtown Armory (Armory Gym \$350.00).
 - No deposits are required for picnic shelters or partner agencies listed in Group 1.
 - The deposit can be paid on-line at the time of reservation or by cash/check no later than 14 days prior to the rental. The deposit is processed at the time of payment and will be returned via method of payment of deposit no later than 2 weeks following the rental. Failure to pay the deposit 14 days in advance of the rental will result in the cancellation of the reservation.
- All facility reservations must be made and completed in full a minimum of 10 days prior to the event. The Parks and Recreation Director can waive the 10-day minimum for special circumstances.
- For Groups 1 & 2, remember to check the site when you arrive! If there are any damages/problems please call 262-458-2721 immediately and leave a detailed message. The exact time of your call and your concerns will be documented.
- Separate permits are required for renters that are serving alcohol, using amplified sound systems (outdoor rentals only), or anyone selling merchandise or booth space. These permits can be obtained from the City Clerk's office.
- All park regulations shall be observed. Municipal Buildings open at 7:00 am and close by 11:00 pm unless approved by the City Clerk at the time the contract is signed. Parks are open at 6:00 am and close at 12:00 am (midnight). The renter will forfeit \$100 of the damage deposit if they are in violation of the park curfew ordinance.
- Facility is not considered reserved until all payments and deposits have been received. Photo ID is required with completed facility request form AND payment of damage deposit. Person who appears on rental agreement is responsible for all damages and any costs above damage deposit.
- For Groups 1 & 2, you will be notified by email of code that will unlock the doors at least 1 day prior to your event. If your reservation will need physical keys, you will be notified as such. Keys are not distributed on weekend days. You must stop by City Hall before your event, Monday – Friday during normal business hours.

- Consumption of alcohol is by permit only and in compliance with applicable ordinances and regulations. Permits/requests to have alcohol in a city facility should be submitted with payment at least 2 weeks prior to the event date. Only the applicant may request an alcohol permit, and photo ID is required with the application. Applications can be obtained from the City Clerk's office. Failure to obtain the proper permits the renter will forfeit \$200 of the damage deposit.
- Applicant shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by virtue of the activity conducted. Damages fees are charged at actual cost of replacement or repair. Building maintenance will be charged at actual rates. Carpet cleaning will result in a \$300 charge and any floor refinishing or resurfacing will range in cost from \$300-\$550.
- Handicapped accessible entrance doors are not allowed or able to be propped open. Please do not try and force the doors to stay open. Any damage done to the doors by keeping them open will be assessed to your damage deposit.
- No smoking is allowed in the City of Whitewater Buildings. Failure to comply the renter will forfeit \$200 of the damage deposit.
- Decorations are not to be attached in any way to the suspended ceiling at the Community Building. An eye-bolt is available in the ceiling of the West Room for hanging decorations. In all City facilities renters should avoid placing tape on the walls. No crepe paper is allowed in any rental facility.
- Please keep our facilities clean. It is the renter's responsibility to: bring your own dishtowels/cloths, wipe down tables and chairs and restore to the original locations, wipe down counters, appliances, and other surfaces, vacuum/clean floors and walls of any spills, clean any garbage from around the outside of the facility that your group may have caused, take all garbage with you after your event. Failure to remove garbage from the site is a \$100 charge against the damage deposit. Dumpsters are available outside of all indoor rental facilities. Outdoor facility users, please use garbage cans at facility, if garbage is more than the cans allow, please ensure your trash is bagged and placed neatly near existing garbage cans.
- Tent structures must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Director at time of facility request and comply with Diggers Hotline, Building Code and Fire Code requirements. No approval will be given and installation denied if compliance is not met.