

Park Rules and Regulations

Chapter XI – PARK REGULATIONS of the DeKalb Park District Ordinance Code

Section 9:01 Advertising

No person shall display any placard or advertisement of any kind in any park, nor shall any person distribute, cast, throw or place any hand bill, pamphlet, circular, advertisement or notice of any kind, nor post, stencil or otherwise affix any notice of bills, advertisement or other papers upon any structure or thing in or about any park without the approval of the Board.

Section 9:02 Aircraft Control

- a) No person shall fly, cause to be flown, or permit any aircraft of any kind to be flown over the park system at any time at an elevation less than the minimum safety requirements established by the Civil Aeronautics Administration or other governmental authority or less than is reasonable and proper, or so as to endanger the safety of any person or property. No person shall land, cause to be landed, or permit any aircraft of any kind to land in the park system except when required by unavoidable emergency.
- b) No person shall fly, cause to be flown, or permit any model power aircraft of any kind to be flown in the park system without a permit and then only at such places and times as the District may from time to time designate for the purpose.

Section 9:03 Animals

- a) **Birds and Animals:** No person shall trap, catch wound or kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to trap, catch wound or kill any animal in any park.
- b) **Dogs and Cats:** No person shall bring a dog, cat or other animal owned or controlled, within the park system controlled by the District unless on a leash or otherwise confined.
- c) **Riding Animals:** No person shall lead or allow to be loose upon District property any horse, pony or other riding animal except in areas designated for riding and/or by written permission of the Director.
- d) Any animal found within the park system, in violation of this section may be apprehended, removed to an animal shelter, public pound, or any other place provided for that purpose, and impounded, all at the expense of the owner.

Section 9:04 Assault and Battery

No person shall commit an assault or battery upon another person in the park system. Assault and Battery shall be the same as defined in Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes and subsequent amendments thereto.

Section 9:05 Begging

No person shall beg or solicit alms or contributions of any kind for any purpose within the park system.

Section 9:06 Camping

No person shall place, erect or use any hammock, swing, tent, or shelter or otherwise camp or sleep in the park system except such organizations who may receive written permission from the Director to do so.

Section 9:07 Closing Hours

The parks of the District shall be closed from 10:00 pm prevailing time in the evening until daybreak the following morning except at parks having lighted athletic facilities where the closing hour is 11:00 pm. No person or property of any kind shall remain in the parks after closing times unless permission had been granted by the Director for later hours.

Section 9:08 Clothing

No person shall enter or remain in the park system unless properly and decently clothed.

Section 9:09 Cooperation with Authorities

- a) No person shall knowingly resist or obstruct the performance by one known to the person to be a policeperson or employee of the District in the performance of their duties. No person shall falsely represent or impersonate any member of the police force or employees of the District, or otherwise pretend to be a police officer.
- b) No provision of this ordinance shall make unlawful any act necessarily performed by any member of the police force or employee of the District in the carrying out of his duties and responsibilities.

Section 9:10 Disorderly Conduct

No person shall do any act in such an unreasonable manner so as to alarm or disturb another and to provoke a breach of the peace.

Section 9:11 Excavation

No person shall excavate or take soil or other property of any kind from the park system under the jurisdiction of the District.

Section 9:12 Fires

No person shall light or make use of any fire in the park system, except at such places as may be established for such purpose and then only under such rules as may be prescribed therefore. Every fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent person from the time it is kindled to the time it is completely extinguished.

Section 9:13 Gambling

No person shall gamble for money or other valuable things within the park system.

Section 9:14 Games and Sports

No person shall engage in any sport, game or amusement in the park system except at such places and times as may be designated by the District and then only under such rules as are prescribed. Nor shall any person walk, remain, or conduct himself upon such a promotion of the park system designated for any particular game, sport or amusement in such ways as to interfere with the use of such portion by persons who are using the same for the particular sport, game or amusement for which it has been designated. No person shall engage in any activity in a rough or reckless manner as to endanger, injure or damage persons or property in any way.

Section 9:15 Improper Behavior

No person shall use any abusive, threatening, profane, indecent, or obscene language, or language calculated to occasion a breach of the peace, to induce, commit, or perform any indecent or obscene act of behavior, to exhibit, possess or transfer indecent or obscene pictures, writings or articles of any kind within the park system.

Section 9:16 Intoxication

No person, under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, shall enter, be or remain in the park system, nor shall any person bring within, possess, drink, sell, or transfer any intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs in the park system without the permission of the Park District Director or Board. This section shall not apply to wine intended for and used by any church or religious organization for sacramental purposes, or alcoholic beverages sold by the Park District at a duly licensed distribution point, including but not limited to the Community Center or golf courses.

Section 9:17 **Minors**

Every parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor shall not permit or allow such minor to do any act in the park system in violation of any law, ordinance, or rule of the District, and they shall use their best efforts to prevent any such violation.

Section 9:18 **Play Classes and Camps**

- a) No person or organization shall bring or cause to be brought into the park system any play class, day camp, or other organized group of any kind, organized for profit except into swimming pools of the District where each person entering must pay a daily admission commensurate with the admission charged to individuals of that age and with the written permission of the director.
- b) Not for profit agency day camps, play classes or organized groups may use facilities of the park system with the written permission of the Director.

Section 9:19 **Protection of Property**

- a) No person shall mark, injure, damage, destroy or take in any way District plants or property of any kind or any property of others in the park system or otherwise interfere with the use of the park system by the public. No person shall spit, pour or otherwise discharge injurious or vile substance upon waters, grounds, or property of any kind in the park system. No person shall climb upon any plant, fence, structure or property of any kind in the park system, except such recreational equipment as may be installed by the District for such purposes.
- b) The District may give rewards to the person or persons (other than police officers or employees of the District) who furnish information to the District, directly resulting in the arrest and conviction of anyone who unlawfully takes, damages, or destroys District property. All claims for said reward must be made to the District within thirty days after conviction and the Director shall be the sole judge of any dispute arising over the reward and the person or persons, if entitled to share therein, and his decision on any matter connected with the reward shall be final and conclusive.

Section 9:20 **Public Meetings**

No person or organization of any kind shall call or hold any public meeting, exhibit or entertainment of any kind within the park system unless permission is granted by the Director. Payment of expenses and indemnification of the District may be required.

Section 9:21 **Refuse**

No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, refuse, or other material of any kind on the park system grounds or waters. Paper, glass, cans, garbage and other refuse of every kind, resulting from picnics or other proper use of the park system, shall be deposited only in receptacles provided for that purpose, and no person shall litter, suffer, or cause the park system to be littered in any way.

Section 9:22 **Restricted Access**

No person shall enter upon any portion of the park system where persons are prohibited by the District as indicated by sign or notice. No person shall enter or attempt to enter any building or area in the park system when it is closed to the public, or scheduled for a specific group or activity unless invited by same and where an admission fee is charged, payment of the admission fee.

Section 9:23 Selling

No person shall offer or exchange for sale any article or thing, or do any hawking, peddling, or soliciting, or buy or offer to buy any article of anything, or take up any collection or solicit or receive contributions of money or anything of value in the park system except as herein permitted or when authorized to do so by permit from a contract with the Board. This section is not intended to prevent the District from selling merchandise of concession from a duly licensed service operation, including but not limited to the Community Center, Swimming Pool, golf courses or athletic facilities.

Section 9:24 Skating and Sledding

No person shall skate, sled, toboggan, ski, slide, or carry onto similar activity in the park system except at such places and times as the District may designate for the purpose. No person, while engaged in such activity shall conduct himself in such a manner as to annoy others or endanger, injure or damage persons or property in any way.

Section 9:25 Weapons and Missiles

No person shall bring, carry or use in any way, knives, firearms, or other weapons of any kind, or any fireworks, or other explosive substances of any kind, in the park system. No person shall throw, cast, or shoot stones, arrows or other missiles of any kind within the park system, except at such places and times as the District may designate for such purposes.

Section 9:26 Golf

No person shall play golf or practice golf in the park system except at such places and times as the District may designate for such purposes.

Section 9:27 Baseball and Softball Playing

- a) No person shall engage in games of softball or baseball except in those parks which have established diamonds and backstops constructed for such purposes.
- b) In those parks having established diamonds, participation in softball or baseball in areas other than established diamonds is limited in accordance with signs or notices posted.
- c) In those parks having established softball or baseball diamonds, the type of participation on said diamond may be regulated in accordance with posted signs or notices.

Section 9:28 Lagoons and Rivers

- a) **Entering Water:** No person shall enter or attempt to enter lagoons or waterways under the jurisdiction of the District either by walking, swimming or any other means, if so posted.
- b) **Watercraft:** Watercraft of any kind shall not be launched from District property, except for recreation programs under the supervision of the District.
- c) **Ice Fishing:** No person shall ice fish on any lagoon or waterway under the jurisdiction of the District except as permitted by the Board.

Section 9:29 Mob Action

No person shall take part in any mob action within the park system. Mob action consists of any of the following: 1) the use of force or violence disturbing the public peace by 2 or more persons acting together and without authority of law; or 2) the assembly of 2 or more persons to do any unlawful act.