

# CITY OF TEMECULA TEMECULA COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## RECOGNITION OF YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES

DATE:	October 24, 2023		
SUBJECT:	Recognition of Youth Athletic Leagues		
DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:			
		Department Director Signature	Date
CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:			
(If app	licable)	City Manager Signature	Date

#### **POLICY:**

The City of Temecula strives to ensure that its athletic fields and facilities serve the community by providing access to affordable, high quality sports programs for youth. In order to achieve this goal in the most cost-effective way, the City recognizes certain organizations which meet the criteria defined below as "Recognized Youth Leagues." These leagues receive field space allocated in a process which guarantees field hours will be made available to leagues providing accessible, low-cost recreational sports opportunities for the youth of Temecula. This is consistent with the City's Quality of Life Master Plan core values of Healthy and Livable City, Economic Prosperity, and Accountable and Responsive City Government.

The rapid growth of youth and adult sports programs continues to create a high demand for athletic fields and facilities far in excess of those available. New organizations or sports programs contribute to this demand. As a result, the following policy has been adopted by the Community Services Department to determine when and how to recognize a sports program for the purposes of field allocation.

#### **GUIDELINE:**

The following criteria will be used to confer "Recognized Youth League" status upon athletic leagues and programs, and that those recognized leagues continue to provide Temecula residents with accessible, affordable, and high-quality youth sports programs.

#### **CRITERIA:**

To be considered for and/or retain Recognized Youth League status, the following criteria must be met at the time of application and for each successive season of play. If requirements are not met, the applicant must wait until the next traditional season to re-apply. New applications will be accepted for review only when total available field space permits.

- Organization must be recreational, and cannot be associated with competitive and/or adult sports teams.
- Organization must have a minimum of 200 Temecula residents, and 80% of total participants must be Temecula residents. Player's applications/rosters are required to be submitted to City staff for verification of residency.
- 75% of the members on an Executive Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) must be Temecula residents.
- Organization's Board of Directors must be based or headquartered within the City of Temecula.
- Organization must have established bylaws for the sports program or athletic league.
- A league must have a minimum of two resident teams in the same age division.
- Organization must be a registered non-profit organization and hold a non-profit agency identification number, which must be submitted to City staff for verification.
- Organization must maintain \$1,000,000 of General Liability insurance that names the City of Temecula/Temecula Community Service District/ Successor Agency to the Temecula Redevelopment Agency as additional insured. (Dollar amount subject to change with City's policy holder)

#### **PROCESS:**

- Once an organization has received "Recognized Youth League" status, staff will coordinate with the designated representative of each organization for the field allocation process (described in the Athletic Field Reservations and Use Policy)
- Each season, a \$10.00 non-resident fee will be assessed for each participant on a roster that is not a Temecula resident.
- Should an established Recognized Youth League fail to meet the criteria above, (e.g., fall below the 80% Temecula resident requirement, the minimum 200 Temecula residents, and/or 75% board members), allocation penalties will be applied as described below.

### **PENALTIES:**

Once designated a "Recognized Youth League," organizations must continue to meet the criteria defined above for each season in which field allocations are requested. If an organization fails to meet any of the qualifying criteria, it will forfeit a percentage of its field allocation as follows:

Season 1 15% Penalty Season 2 30% Penalty

(If after being penalized for two seasons, an organization again meets all requirements and maintains its good standing for two consecutive calendar years, then that organization will regain its full field allocation.)

**Season 3** 45% penalty

Organization will lose Recognized Youth League status and will be given the option to rent field space if available in the future.