

Chapter 58

PARKS AND RECREATION*

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State Law References--Authority regarding parks generally, Wis. Stats. § 27.13.

Sec. 58.100. Public parks; closing hours.

It shall be unlawful for any person, except registered campers, in or en route to designated campgrounds, to enter or to be in any public park in the village between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m. Nor shall any person during these hours park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or watercraft in any such public park in the village. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be penalized as provided in section 1.112.

(Code 1982, § 4.157)

Sec. 58.101. Sportsmanship--village parks, fields, diamonds or rinks.

- (1) *Purpose.* The Village of Weston has developed and continues to develop and maintain parks, playgrounds, fields, diamonds and skating rinks along with related facilities for the community's use, enjoyment, health and well-being. Ball diamonds, soccer fields, skating rinks, volley ball and similar facilities have been provided for public use as a means, among others, of encouraging and enabling coaches and teams to compete with one another in a spirit of friendship and good sportsmanship. However, it has been observed, that conduct by some coaches, players and/or spectators while using or observing team events at village parks, fields and/or playgrounds have been disruptive and wholly inimical to these purposes tending to cause or provoke disturbances. It has therefore become necessary for the village to enact this section setting forth a code of conduct which must be adhered to by coaches, players and spectators as a condition for the use and enjoyment of these facilities.
- (2) *Sportsmanship code of conduct.* Those individuals, teams, sports clubs, school district teams or athletic associations choosing to use or attend any Village of Weston publicly owned and/or operated recreational facility, whether it be a park, ball diamond, soccer field, volley ball facility or skating rink must adhere to the following sportsmanship code of conduct:
 - (a) *Coaches.* Those involved in coaching in any team event shall:
 1. Take pride in being a good example as a coach in appearance, conduct, language and sportsmanship.
 2. Demonstrate and instill in players respect for and courtesy toward opposing players, coaches and officials.
 3. Exhibit and develop in players the ability to accept defeat or victory gracefully.

4. Teach players to play within the spirit of the game and the letter of the rules.
5. Emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play in all competitive situations.
6. Encourage spectators to show respect for opponents and officials and to recognize good play and sportsmanship. When spectators behave inappropriately, the coach should assist in curtailing the crowd reaction.
7. Coaches are prohibited from using tobacco products or alcohol during all practices and competitive events.

(b) *Players*. Those involved as players in any team event shall:

1. Treat all players, officials and coaches with respect and courtesy. No taunting or badgering of opponents.
2. Graciously accept constructive criticism.
3. Abide by the spirit of the rules as well as the letter of the rules throughout all games and practices.
4. Recognize the value of each team member.
5. Players are prohibited from using tobacco products or alcohol during all practices and competitive events.

(c) *Spectators*. Those involved as spectators in any team event shall:

1. Recognize the official as a person of integrity and qualification, and all decisions he/she makes on the field of play without voicing loud, profane or discourteous criticism of any official.
2. Refrain from creating or causing to create a disturbance that would be detrimental to the flow of the game and/or the safety of the participants involved.
3. Show respect for all players, coaches, and officials regardless of their own team loyalty.
4. Refrain from taunting officials, coaches or opponents.

(3) *Penalty*. Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 1.111 of the Weston Municipal Code. In addition to such

penalties and forfeitures, violators may be prohibited from using or entering upon a village park, field, ball diamond, soccer field, skating rink or volley ball facility for such period of time as shall be determined by the village park and recreation committee after review with the Everest Metro Police Department and the sanctioning athletic league, if any, sponsoring the event.

(Ord. of 3-18-2002, § 1)

Section 58.110. Damage (Vandalism) to Village parkland and Recreational Property.

- (a) *Prohibited conduct/forfeiture/restitution.* It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully damage or assist in the damage of Village parkland property or equipment. Such person(s) shall be in violation of Village Ordinance 54.100 “Offenses against property”, specifically Wis. Stats. 943.01(1), (3), and (4) -- criminal damage to property, with a fine of no less than \$100 and no greater than \$1000 based on the offense and ordered to pay full restitution for damages.
- (b) *Additional penalties/banning use of parkland/recreational property.* Any person guilty of damaging Village parkland or parkland property shall be banned from all Village parks, trails, sports fields, ice rinks, or picnic areas for a period of five years. Any such banned person(s) who is found on Village parkland property shall be in violation of Wis. Stats. 943.13 - the state’s criminal trespass law and fined accordingly per Wis. Stats. 778.26. After five years, a person(s) may petition for a hearing with the Weston Park & Recreation Committee for restored parkland use privileges.
- (c) (1) *Parental liability/minor.* The parent or guardian of a minor (16 years or younger) convicted of damage to Village parkland or parkland property may be fined under Wis. Stats. 895.035 for no less than \$100 and no greater than \$500 based on the severity of the offense. In addition, the Village of Weston is entitled to recovery of all damages under Wis. Stats. 895.035(4), (5), (6), (7).

(2) *Option to reduce fine.* A parent and offending minor may be given the option of eliminating or reducing their fine by engaging in community service through the County’s Restorative Justice Program. Referrals to this program will be made by the Everest Metro Police Department to the Village of Weston Park & Recreation Committee. Referral to the Restorative Justice Program does not preclude payment for the restitution of damages.

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