

RESOLUTION NO. 11-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF COUNTY-OPERATED BASEBALL FACILITIES, SUPERCEDING ALL PREVIOUS PRACTICES OR POLICIES, AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS, UTILITIES, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES TO IMPLEMENT SUCH POLICY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 67.20.010 RCW, provides the authority for Counties to own and operate recreational facilities for public use, and to set forth the regulations, policies, and practices governing such use; and

WHEREAS, Mason County owns and/or operates baseball fields and facilities for the enjoyment and benefit of its residents and visitors; and


WHEREAS, The demand for these fields and facilities makes it necessary to establish a policy for allocating such fields and facilities among various user groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County does hereby establish a "Field Allocation Policy" as set forth in Exhibit A, which supercedes all previous practices and policies pertaining to this subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks, Utilities, and Waste Management Department, or such department or organization that is designated the responsibility for operating baseball fields and facilities under control of the County at some point in the future, shall be authorized to develop and implement any processes and procedures necessary to implement this Field Allocation Policy, as set forth in Exhibit A or subsequently amended.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

  
Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

  
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

REVIEWED AS TO FORM:

  
Michael Clift,  
Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

## Exhibit A

### FIELD ALLOCATION POLICY County-operated Baseball and Athletic Fields

The following criteria will determine priorities when allocating use of County-operated baseball and athletic fields. These criteria will be applied in tiered fashion, with the second, third, and subsequent tiers applied in cases where all factors in the preceding tiers have been applied and a scheduling conflict remains.

- I. Highest priority will be given to non-profit youth leagues and/or organizations offering open participation, as follows:
  - A. Field use by youth leagues for official league games where such games are utilized to determine team standings leading to district, regional, state or other playoff competition (competitive play).
  - B. Use by youth leagues for official league games where the games do not lead to district, regional, state or other playoff competition (recreational play).
  - C. Allocation of fields will be based on appropriateness for the level of play and league requirements for field configuration (i.e. length of base runs, outfield fence distance, etc.).
  - D. Practice sessions for competitive leagues.
  - E. Practice sessions for recreational leagues.
- II. Youth leagues with the highest number of Mason County residents currently participating.
- III. Leagues with the longest consecutive annual use of County-operated baseball and athletic facilities will receive priority in accordance with the longevity of such use.
- IV. In order to obtain full optimization of each athletic field, Mason County Parks will attempt to accommodate the needs of newly formed leagues or start-up organizations based on the field allocation criteria outlined above. A final determination for field allocation will be based on availability of facilities and the ability to meet league requirements for level of play.
- V. Allocation of fields for adult league games will commence following the regular season play for youth leagues.
- VI. Independent team practices will be scheduled on a space available basis. Such practice sessions may be cancelled and/or rescheduled to accommodate rescheduled youth league or adult league games.